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UN COMPROMISE ATTEMPT DROPPED

Yak Fighter Buzzes British Dakota

Berlin, October 12.
A British official announcement said today that a Russian Yak fighter dived within 100 feet of a British twin-engine Dakota plane en route to Berlin last night.
The announcement said the British representative of the Berlin Air Safety Centre has filed a protest against the incident which occurred in the Buckeburg-Berlin air corridor.
The British alleged the Dakota was flying at 550 feet on its way to Gatow Airport, Berlin, from Hamburg when the Yak appeared overhead. The Yak tailed the British plane a short distance and then performed aerial acrobatics including loops, rolls and dives under the Dakota.
The Soviet also announced they would hold parachute jumping manoeuvres and air to air gunnery practice. The operations were described as part of the continuing Soviet air war manoeuvres.
The western authorities took a serious view of the threat to fly at low altitudes over the control zone where the three air corridors converge.
The skies over Berlin were cloudy today limiting visibility.
—United Press.

China To Ask For World Bank Loan

Nanking, October 12.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Wang Yun-wu, today made it clear that as soon as conditions permit, the Government plans to ask the World Bank and International Monetary Fund for assistance to strengthen the gold yuan and supplement the American aid in China's rehabilitation.

PM Meeting Discusses Far East

London, October 12.
The discussion of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers in London today ranged over the trouble spots of the Far East, which were the subject of an exhaustive report by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin.

Southeast Asia, including Malaya, and Japan, are believed to have figured in the discussion, which was understood to have been attended by the Southeast Asia Commissioner General, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, and the British Service Chief.

The delay in concluding a Far East peace treaty, known to be a matter of prime concern to Australia and New Zealand as well as India, Pakistan and Ceylon, was expected to be dealt with in Mr. Bevin's report.

The talks on the international situation will continue this afternoon but a switch to the vital issues of Berlin and Europe generally will await the arrival of Mr. Louis St. Laurent, Canadian deputy premier, coming from Canada to act for the Prime Minister, Mr. McKenzie King, who is ill in London.

At some stage of the discussion, Mr. MacDonald is expected to give the Commonwealth leaders an appreciation of the problem of Southeast Asia and an assessment of the strength of the Communists and other insurgents in the area.—Reuter.

THIS MAN IS OUT FOR TROUBLE

Shanghai, October 12.
An assault action by Han Yung-sung Taitai (wife) against Han Yung-sung Taitai caused the Shanghai District Court to look further into the marital activities of Han Yung-sung, a 30-year-old Shanghai cotton merchant.
It turned out there were a total of four Han Yung-sung Taitais, all living with Han Yung-sung in the same house.
The Court said it was a wonder there had not been more assault cases and ordered Han to stand trial for bigamy.—Associate Press.

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Western Powers Refuse Big-4 Conference Offer BLOCKADE TO REMAIN

Paris, October 12.

All attempts to reach a compromise with Russia on the Berlin blockade were dropped today as the US Secretary of State, Mr. George C. Marshall, returned from his week-end consultations in Washington.

The three Western Powers have refused to consider any deal calling for a Big Four Foreign Ministers conference on Germany as the price for the lifting of the Soviet blockade.

Argentina's Juan Bramuglia, Chairman of the Security Council, who had been trying to work out a compromise, bowed to the will of the Western Powers and abandoned his project. With a compromise barred, Dr. Bramuglia has started a search for a formula for settling the Berlin crisis that could be carried out within the province of the Security Council.

The Council is to be called into formal session tomorrow after a week's recess. In that and other United Nations arenas the Western Powers will press their campaign to indict Russia on three counts:

1. In the Security Council for threatening world peace by the blockade of Berlin. The West now insists upon Council treatment of Russia even though they know a Russian veto is certain;

Bad Faith

2. In the General Assembly where Britain has taken the lead to condemn Russia for keeping the world in a state of perpetual tension and for proposing in bad faith the one-third cut in world armaments.

3. Also in the General Assembly through a campaign for overwhining support of the American atomic energy control plan and indictment of Russia as a sole obstructer to creation of a control system.

"We are now standing by the basis of our complaint to the Security Council—that Soviet restrictions on communications with Berlin endanger peace," one Western spokesman said. "That was the basis of our complaint and that is where we still are today."

Authoritative sources disclosed in Washington today that the State Department has been advised it appears certain Russia will try to continue the blockade of Berlin through the winter.

American agents in Europe have reported there are strong indications Moscow still thinks the American announced intention of continuing the airlift indefinitely is a gigantic bluff.

On a basis of these reports, officials the American capital believe the American and British air forces will have to continue the tremendous task of supplying Berlin until February or March.

These officials expect a West diplomatic victory if and when the United Nations Security Council reaches a decision of the issue whether the blockade is a

Austin Blasts Russian Charge

Paris, October 12.

Mr. Warren Austin, American delegate to the United Nations, speaking with great emotion before the Security Council today, blasted Soviet delegate, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky's allegations of American warmongering as propaganda manoeuvres.

Mr. Austin specifically attacked Russia's proposal that the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China reduce their armaments by one-third during the coming year. He reiterated the Russian proposal was submitted in bad faith.

The American delegate asserted there can be no reduction in armament until the Japanese and German peace settlements are made.—United Press.

Threat to peace. However, they do not expect this victory to force the Russians to ease the blockade.

One of Washington's top experts on the Berlin issue described the situation this way: "It appears the Russians will stand pat until one of two things happens either until they become convinced the airlift can be maintained through winter regardless of wretched flying conditions or until our counter blockade begins to hurt them seriously."

Pinch Felt

He said there was evidence that the banning of shipments of industrial material and coal from the Russian-occupied zone of Germany was being felt. But he conceded it might be a long time before this would force the Russians to end the Berlin blockade.

This diplomat, who recently completed a high level European mission, said the success of the airlift to date had substantially eased war fears among high officials of West European nations.

He said: "They had been tremendously impressed by the fact that the lift had gone this far. Now if we can continue to supply Berlin until spring the immediate danger of war will have been averted."

The blockade will continue until the illegal West Mark is declared invalid, Russia said today in its official organ, the Tagliche Rundschau.

The declaration was in answer to yesterday's statement of the Western Occupying Powers of no negotiations of any sort on the Berlin crisis until the blockade is lifted.

"No Blockade"

Commenting on the reaffirmed position of the Western Powers, the newspaper which speaks authoritatively for Moscow, said: "Actually there is no blockade, but as to the lifting of traffic restrictions that can easily be arranged if the illegally inaugurated Western Mark is declared invalid."

Negotiations on the issue in Moscow and Berlin during the summer, failed to find a formula for acceptance of the Soviet East Mark as currency for Berlin.

The Rundschau article pointed out the complete deadlock between Russia and the West. Berlin's city finances, crippled by the blockade and the Soviet currency restrictions, were causing the city to suffer.

The Assembly President, Dr. Otto Suhr, today called for discussion on an emergency budget at the next Assembly meeting on October 21.

The treasurer, Mr. Friedrich Haas, reported the financial situation was catastrophic. His statement was made to a closed meeting of the City Council.—United Press.

Indicted For Red Activities

Shanghai, October 12.
A special criminal tribunal yesterday afternoon indicted a total of 184 persons, including 31 women, on charges of Communist activities. According to the prosecution, the accused formed a wide network in the Shanghai area and communicated with the Communists in an attempt to overthrow the Central Government.

Most of the defendants were reported to be once responsible executives of various local labour unions. Their arrests were made some months ago following the confession of an alleged Communist agent.

The tribunal yesterday did not announce the date for the formal trial but this is expected to begin shortly in a closed session.—Reuter.

MAYOR WU RECEIVES ADM. MADDEN

Shanghai, October 12.
Mayor K. C. Wu will this morning receive Rear Admiral A. C. G. Madden, second in command, British Far East Station, who is expected to arrive in Shanghai from Hong Kong in the cruiser Sussex at nine o'clock.
Admiral Madden, who is on a four-day visit to Shanghai, will call at the City Government building at 10 a.m. He will also call later on the commander of the 1st Naval Base Command, Tang Mu-hung.—Reuter.

Co-Operation By HK Govt

Shanghai, October 12.
Mr. Chang Fu-yung, Director of the Chinese Customs Administration, praised the Hong Kong Government's readiness to co-operate in the Chinese Government's efforts to curb smuggling, in a statement here yesterday upon his arrival from Nanking, where he reported to the authorities concerned on the signing of the Sino-British anti-smuggling pact.

He expressed the hope that the spirit of co-operation will "lead to further collaboration in wider fields" between China and Hong Kong.

He said that without the friendly co-operation of the Hong Kong Government, it would be difficult to solve the smuggling problems created by the trade and exchange control measures.—Reuter.

Nationalists Gain In Manchuria

Shanghai, October 12.
Breaking the series of recent major Communist victories in the Chinese civil war, the Nationalist new 6th Army stormed into Changwu, important Red communications centre 65 miles northwest of Mukden, and battered the Communist defenders into submission after a day of long struggle, according to pro-Government reports today.

It was one of the most crushing successes scored by the Nationalist in the past weeks. Besides inflicting heavy casualties on the Red garrison, which included General Lin Piao's crack 4th Army, the Americans trained and equipped 6th Army men, the majority of them veterans of the Burma campaign—captured large quantities of arms, ammunition and other vital materials.

Against this success, Government troops yielded further ground around Chinchow in the Manchurian corridor, and on the outskirts of Taiyuan, capital of Shansi, after losing the well-known Shantung port of Chefoo.

Under increasing pressure from five attacking Red armies, the Nationalist forces battling on the outskirts of Chinchow are reported to have withdrawn to new positions dug around the immediate vicinity of the city.

Both sides are said to be suffering heavy casualties as opposing armies continued close quarter fighting.

The battle for Taiyuan, for over 20 years the headquarters of General Yen Hui-shan, Governor of Shansi, is at present centred in the southernmost suburb, where Red forces are attacking the airfield.—Reuter.

MASS TRIAL BEGINS IN PARIS

Paris, October 11.
The mass trial began here today of 64 men and women, alleged to be members of the pre-war Fascist Cagoulard organisation (the Hooded Men) on charges of relating to murder, anarchy and illegal arms trafficking.

Papers making up the prosecution briefs weighed about three tons and took 11 years to compile. The indictment itself consists of 1,200 pages.

Twenty of the accused were being tried in their absence. The case was expected to last about six weeks, during which more than 400 witnesses will probably be called.—Reuter.

The Weather

General Situation.—An anti-cyclone centred over Mongolia dominates China and the adjacent seas. From a deep depression moving East over N.E. Manchuria a shallow trough extends across the Sea of Japan to the Eastern Seas where it has become almost stationary. A broad trough extends from N. of the Marianas to Dornee.

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Rel. Humidity: 75%
Dew Point: 18 deg. C.
Wind Direction: E.
Wind Force: 15 knots.
Tides: High 11.0, Low 1.0

Gold Yuan Slumps On HK Market; Speculation Seen

Less than two months after its introduction, China's new Gold Yuan currency depreciated sharply in Hong Kong yesterday.

Quoted at HK\$1.05 on Saturday, Gold Yuan was offered at 72 Hong Kong cents yesterday. It was the biggest Gold Yuan landslide recorded on the Colony's markets since the new currency was issued on August 23.

Chinese financial circles here said that the sudden depreciation was engineered by certain elements, and by large-scale cornering in Hong Kong and in Canton.

"It is difficult to reveal a rot that has set in, no matter what the cause is," said a local banker to the "China Mail" yesterday. "The unfavourable turn in the Chinese civil war was also attributed yesterday to the depreciation of the Gold Yuan."

Financial circles, however, were more inclined to blame "influential speculators" engaged in what they termed as "unscrupulous manipulations".

Business At Standstill

Yesterday's sudden depreciation of the Gold Yuan brought business between Hong Kong and Canton to a standstill for as far as Gold Yuan transactions were concerned.

Businessmen said yesterday that they will wait until a new price basis is established before making any further commitments. Dealing in Hong Kong dollars, basis, however, continues uninterrupted.

"We have been let in badly this time as we have to find Hong Kong currency to pay for the goods we shipped to Canton last week," one merchant complained to the "China Mail" yesterday. "We figured on the rate of one Gold Yuan to HK\$1," he added.

Traders who brought goods from Canton said yesterday that the drop in the Gold Yuan currency had not affected their commitments at the daily exchange rates.

Financial Setbacks

It was learned from a reliable source yesterday that payments for a considerable amount of Canton imports from Hong Kong had not been made during the week-end. Serious financial setbacks are looming among the business community the "China Mail" was told.

Local financial quarters are of the opinion that yesterday's drop is of a temporary nature, and that the rate will improve following trade adjustments.

Whether or not the Gold Yuan will be able to regain its position—above HK\$1—is problematical, they said.

In North China, the financial and economic situation is also deteriorating. The "China Mail" correspondent in Peiping cabled last night that during the past 10 days the situation had become worse.

Prices Skyrocketing

"Prices are skyrocketing, in some cases as much as eight times more than those on August 19," he wrote.

"A sack of flour costing then 10 Gold Yuan is now only obtainable on the black market at 60."

"Black market US dollars are reported to be in full swing again."

with offers of more than seven Gold Yuan, whereas the official rate is four.

"One reason of this sudden loss of confidence is due to the Government's extension of the time limit for the exchange."

Another sign of financial panic has been the rush to buy every kind of non-perishable goods. There is also an actual shortage of food in North China owing to authorities' failure to lay down sufficient stocks prior to the currency reform.

"The Government is now talking belatedly of introducing a ration system for the main necessities and is reported to be trying to arrange with the American Relief Commission to obtain extra supplies flour. All this should have been carefully thought out but prior to the change of the currency, not afterwards."

"This is resulting in the growing of the 'grey' market which is working in favour of the Communists."

This Is The Story Of The Cash Sweep

No amahs' or hotel boys' syndicate won the Kwangtung Handicap \$780,192 special cash-sweep prize on October 9. The winner, the "China Mail" learned from an usually reliable source, is a very rich man who owns a whole string of ponies.

Although a Big Shot in his own rights, this popular owner-jockey was, however, too proud to mix with the Hot Polo.

The manner in which he came into possession of the winning ticket is like a flight of the imagination, as it was by sheer stroke of luck that he became the owner of ticket No. 502,800.

By her Hurricane-like run over the course, Port Knox pony drawn by the ticket, made the prize money a Sure Shot for Mr. S. W. Lee (Lee Sai-wah) whose white, dark blue snuff with white stars colours are well-known to all racing fans.

Unconfirmed reports have it that Mr. Lee was with a party of friends one night when a certain number of books of sweep tickets were brought forward, and the suggestion that those present should "shake" for a book each.

The one won by Mr. Lee contained the first prize.

Queen's Own Hussars Parade



The strength of Britain's swelling forces in Malaya was demonstrated recently when the 4th Queen's Own Hussars paraded through Singapore. The Hussars were the first cavalry regiment ever to serve in Malaya.—AP Photo.

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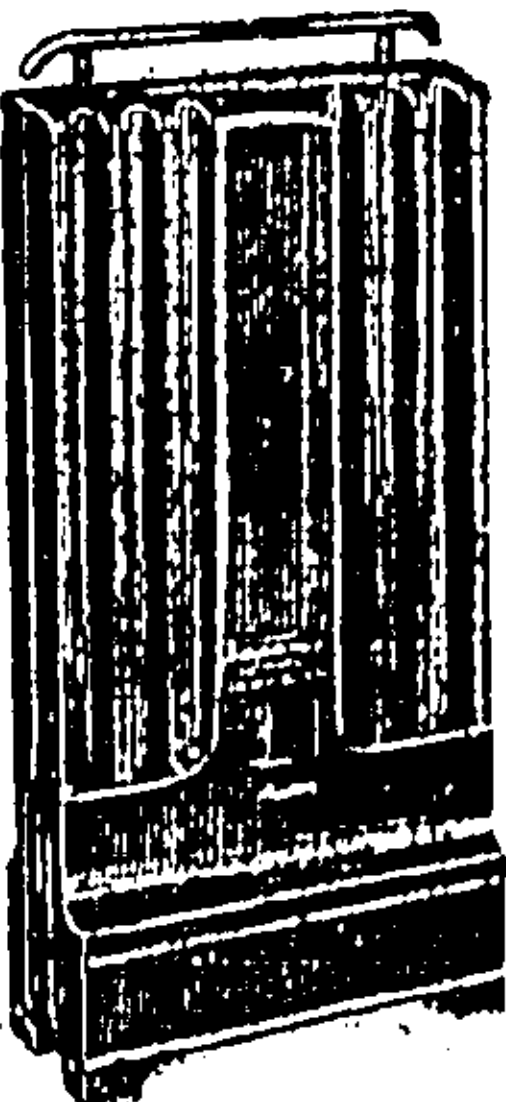
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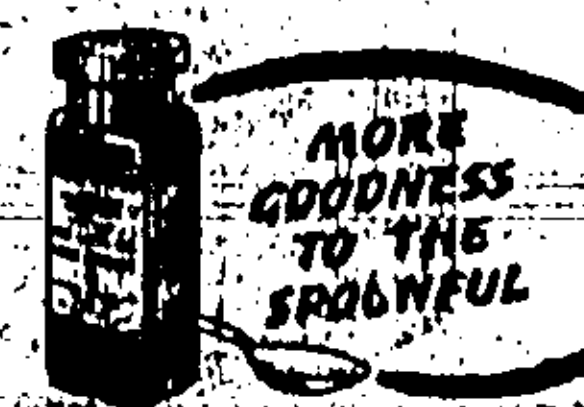
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IMPORTANT LOCAL APPEAL DISMISSED

An appeal, which was described by Mr. M. A. da Silva to be of considerable importance to many local organisations and bodies, was dismissed by Mr. Justice Gould (Puisne Judge), at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The appeal was by Mak Yiu-chuen, Chairman of the Dockyard Chinese Workers' Association, who was convicted by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, police magistrate, on a charge of having in his possession a printing apparatus without a licence from the Commissioner of Police. On conviction, Mak was cautioned.

The appeal was based on the grounds that the magistrate was wrong in law in that the alleged printing press, which was found in Mak's possession at 178, Lockhart Road, 2nd floor, on April 30, 1948, was not within the definition contained in the Printers' and Publishers Ordinance.

It was further alleged that the conviction was against the weight of the evidence, adduced by the prosecution.

Mr. M. A. da Silva represented Mak, while Mr. A. Heenan represented the Crown. Mr. Silva said that Mak Yiu-chuen was at all material times the Chairman of the Dockyard Chinese Workers' Association. In this capacity, he had found it necessary to reproduce, from time to time, circulars for information of members of the Association. For this purpose, Chinese chess board was used.

Considerable publicity Mr. Silva said that considerable publicity had been given to the Association some time before by a man of its having sent a petition to the Home Authorities against the closure of the Dockyard, which would result in thousands of workers being thrown out of employment.

On the day before Labour Day, the Association came under the notice of the police. A visit was paid to the Association's premises by Inspector Davies, who found the chess board, which was produced in Court. Inspector Davies took Mak to the Police Station, where he was charged and allowed bail in the sum of \$1,000. Mak was subsequently brought before the trial magistrate, who registered a caution and administered a caution. The present appeal was against that conviction.

Mr. Silva then quoted a number of legal authorities on the Rules of Interpretation and said that typewriters were possessed and used by the hundreds and the thousands and also came within the meaning of "apparatus for reproducing words." It was unreasonable and improbable, said Mr. Silva, that the legislature intended to restrict the commercial life of the Colony by specifying that typewriters should be subject to licensing by the Commissioner of Police.

After dealing with the grammatical construction of the relevant section of the Ordinance, Mr. Silva quoted Sir Walter Scott, who said: "The Court is not bound to a strictness in the application of statutes. The law practices the qualification implied in the ancient maxim: 'de minimis non curat lex' (The law does not concern itself with trifles)."

Applying, Mr. Heenan said that under the Ordinance, the Commissioner of Police had power to allow any person to keep a printing press at any specified address.

Real issue The real issue in this appeal was what amounted to a printing press. It was the Crown's case that the wording and definition given in the Ordinance was clear and unambiguous and not susceptible to two meanings.

After referring to the section of the Ordinance which he maintained excluded typewriters from the operation of the Ordinance, Mr. Heenan said that the Crown did not admit any ambiguity in the definition of "printing press." It was possible to have a printing press without a machine just as it was possible to have a machine alone.

In asking that the appeal be dismissed, Mr. Heenan referred to Regulation No. 1 and said that as no effort was made in the course of the proceedings before the Magistrate to show or prove that the apparatus was exempt, the appellant could not claim to do so on appeal.

Dismissing the appeal, Mr. Justice Gould said that the whole basis of the appellant's argument was based on the absurdity which would result from the definition of "printing press" in the Ordinance. He said that the absurdity was removed by virtue of Regulation No. 1. As to whether the Court would have held the definition of "printing press" as coming within the provisions of Regulation No. 1 it was not necessary to decide, as the point had not been taken. As to "de

9 Months Gao For Larceny

The loss of a wallet containing G\$47, a Chinese passport and United States Army discharge papers, resulted in Chan Yiu-kuen, a young lad of 18 being brought before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday charged with larceny from the person.

Defendant pleaded not guilty. Choi Ki-sun, complainant in the case, said he was buying a ticket at the Vehicular Ferry wharf with defendant just ahead of him.

Defendant with his left hand dived into his left hand trousers pocket and extracted his wallet, and before he could lay hands on it, it was passed to another person who then dashed away. He did the only thing possible and arrested defendant and held on to him until he found a constable.

Defendant in evidence said it was impossible for him while in front of complainant to be able to pick his pocket, and swore that he was not the man.

Convicting him, Mr. d'Almada said that it was not so much that the money was lost but the passport and the other documents which could not be easily replaced.

Defendant was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Loiterer Has Term Reduced

Lee Ping, aged 34, who was sentenced to two and a half years' hard labour by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon on Monday, was brought before the same magistrate yesterday and had his sentence reduced by one year.

Defendant was arrested at Cumberland Road, near the Railway lines, on the afternoon of October 2 and, at the police station, was booked on the charge of loitering with intent to commit a crime. Investigations revealed that he was responsible for the burglary at High Tide, Island Road, when Mr. K. Watson, of Gainsborough Studio, lost his radio on June 17 last.

Accused admitted the offence, according to Sub-Inspector Bodie, and told the police that he forced a window at the rear of the house. When he was chased by Mr. Watson, who was awakened by the noise, defendant left to keep the window ajar. The finger prints on this case were found to be identical with those found on the door handle.

Lee was also recommended for banishment.

VERDICT OF DEATH BY HANGING

A verdict of death by judicial hanging was returned by the jury at the inquest over the death of Leung Ngau, aged 24 and Leung Wing, aged 24, both sentenced to death by hanging on May 7 for murder.

After formal evidence had been given by the officers concerned, the above verdict was delivered to which the Coroner Mr. F. X. d'Almada concurred.

Stricter Control Over Ice Cream

The Hawkers Ordinance was amended yesterday to provide strict control over vendors of ice cream and frozen confections.

The amendments were passed at an Urban Council meeting and are subject to approval by the Legislative Council. According to the amendments, licences for selling ice cream and frozen confections shall be issued only to bona fide employees of a licensed food factory.

The annual licence fee will be HK\$30. Every licence holder will be ordered by the Urban Council to show the district where the holder trades. The licence holder will be allowed to sell only the ice cream and frozen confections manufactured at the licensed food factory by which he is employed.

Correspondence

Sailor's Reply

Sir,—I would like to reply to Mr. John Ward's article published in the China Mail of October 5th re prostitution in Hong Kong and Kowloon.

Mr. Ward seems to be well aware of the carryings on of these prostitutes and at the same time is willing to submit his plan, with the help of the "Women of the Colony" to check, if not to stop, these immoral girls from plying their trade. Mr. Ward also goes so far as to say that the Soldiers and Sailors threw these girls in the gutter and, according to him, are likely to keep them there.

I am not aware of the plan he has at the moment, but as he probably knows, during the war, especially, there were organised brothels where the Servicemen could attend to satisfy his sexual desires if he wished to do so.

Mr. Ward also goes on to say that the Police can do anything about it. That, I think, is up to the Police to decide. Admittedly, they have a great extent driven these girls from the streets, and I am sure that a great many of your readers will agree with me, when I say that it is utterly impossible to wipe out entirely this organised prostitution existing in the Colony at the present time.

Even what I have seen of the Colony's Police, Force I think it is a very efficiently run organisation, clamping down, not only on vice rackets, but also dealing with the thousands of one crime which are committed during the day or night.

Now for the Servicemen, (who I rather from Mr. Ward.) put these girls where they are in the first place.

To my mind there are two classes of people today. A. The European population who can afford the better class of entertainment, i.e. the best Hotels, Clubs or Dance halls.

B. The Servicemen and below who, if they want to have a drink, must go to the Club or the C.A.C. to visit these so-called second rate dance halls or honky-tonks, which Mr. Ward mentions in his article.

To say that these prostitutes were put there by the Soldier is a gross overstatement by our complainant, who I expect, can afford the pleasures of first rate entertainment, in one form or another. The Allied Forces did not ask to serve their time in the Colony, but under existing circumstances are here for a good time while they are here. (Can you blame them?)

No Sir, I do not agree with the rate of prostitution here at the moment, and I can honestly say that I will not support any measure in this effort to obliterate vice for all this vice and prostitution which is at present in the Colony.

But Sir, I am very much afraid he has a much bigger job on his hands than he thinks for. Mr. Lo, Mr. Ward and his "Women of the Colony" together, really can.

JUST A SERVING SAILOR

Ferry Advocated

Sir,—With reference to the article in your paper on negotiations between the Yuenai Ferry Company and Cheung Chau Residents' Association, I am glad to hear that the Island may be suggested that the district Officer South spare no effort in bringing negotiations to successful finish. A direct ferry service between Cheung Chau and Hong Kong will open this Island as a potential residence area thus helping to relieve house shortage while on the other hand 2 hours trip is in any case a waste of time.

Again introduction of monthly ticket at reduced rates may help to smooth out differences of opinion as to the proposed fares for direct service.

Hoping again that direct ferry service be inaugurated as soon as possible.

INTERESTED.

Mr. A. R. Ingram, General Secretary of the European YMCA, will address the Y's Men's Club at Hong Kong tomorrow at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel. The luncheon will start at 12.45 p.m.

Inquest Into Death Of Attendant In Peiho Theatre Fire

There were approximately 1,500 people in the theatre at the time the fire broke out at 9.15 p.m. on September 23, testified Siu Wai-yin, licensee of the Peiho Theatre, at the Coroner's inquest yesterday.

The inquiry, conducted by Mr. W. H. Latimer and a jury of two women and a man, was into the death of 23-year-old theatre attendant Chan Shing-ip, one of the four who died as the result of injuries received. Detective-Inspector C. Dowman appeared for the police.

After evidence had been given by Siu Wai-yin alias Bartholomew V.I. Shaw, son of the owner of the building and licensee of the theatre, the Coroner adjourned the inquest to this afternoon.

Dr. K.K. Tsang of the Kowloon Hospital testified to having admitted Chan Shing-ip, Yu Tam, Cheung Sang-ng and Tsang Cho to hospital on the night of September 23. They were all in a very serious condition and died on the following day.

Chan Ying-fong, 28-year-old sister of Chan Shing-ip, said that he told her afterwards that although he saw the fire approaching him he was unable to escape. "I had to wait there to be burned," he was alleged to have told her.

PC Cheung Cheong said that he heard loud explosions, saw fire coming out from the basement at the Fuk Wah Street end of the theatre but could not enter any person running out of the theatre. He blew his police whistle, and ran off to telephone back to Shamshuipo Police Station.

Man Ki, usher of the theatre, stated that when he saw the fire coming out of the back exit, he immediately opened the back door, but there was no sign of any fire in the auditorium. On opening the door, he saw fire coming out from 103 Fuk Wah Street and, on returning to the theatre, saw the theatre screen burst into flames.

Audience Panicked

The audience immediately panicked, and there was a wild scramble for the exits. The manager entered the auditorium soon after and, together with the police, turned the fire hoses on to the flames. They had the fire out before the arrival of the Fire Brigade at 9.22 p.m., he said.

Siu Wai-yin said that he rented the theatre from his father at \$3,500 a month. He had nothing whatsoever to do with the other parts of the building which were let out to one Wong San-po. He, witness, was only concerned with the stage, the back stage, and the auditorium.

Witness declared that he had no idea whatever how the fire started. The first thing he knew about it was when he saw flames coming out of the staircase window between 103 Fuk Wah Street and the theatre. He immediately went into the theatre and, with his folks, played the fire hoses on the flames.

In reply to the Coroner, witness said that there was a safety curtain on the stage but nobody could get to the switch when the screen was on fire. None of his employees were killed in the fire, he said.

Driving Licence Suspended

Humphrey Cecil Dodwell, Knight, aged 38, merchant residing at 185 The Peak, who came before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central on Monday, charged with various counts of driving while under the influence of drink, dangerous driving and driving without due care and caution was then fined \$450.

The magistrate deferred the question of suspension of his licence for 24 hours.

Knight was again before Mr. d'Almada yesterday and when asked by the magistrate whether he had any good reasons why his driving licence should not be suspended for a year, replied that he had none.

Mr. d'Almada ordered his licence to be suspended for 12 months and to be endorsed accordingly.

The American schooner, Lantini 11, returned to Hong Kong yesterday after sailing 100 miles out to sea on her voyage to Yokohama.

The schooner encountered rough weather after leaving Hong Kong and was forced to return for minor repairs.

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Conspiracy Case Evidence

Further evidence in the conspiracy charge against 15 inspectors and one conductor of the Hong Kong Tramway Company was given before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

Mr. A.J. Clifford instructed by Mr. P.A.L. Vine was for the prosecution, Mr. Marcus da Silva and Mr. P.C. Woo for the defendants and Inspector V. Morrison for the Police.

The defendants are: Cheung Sang, Yip Wing-sang, Arthur Lau, Cheng Choy, Anthony Cheng, Ng Sun-wing, Li Cho-yau, Ng Ping-kuen, Henry Chan, Wong Hei-ching, Lam Siu-yung, Yue Tse-chin, Ma To-ming, Chu Kai-ming, Wong Sun-lee and Kan Hip-yuen.

All defendants are charged with conspiring together with others not in custody to cheat passengers of monies collected from passengers between September 1, 1947 and May 1, 1948.

Cross-examined by Mr. Silva, Mr. Bennett said that since the arrest of the inspectors, a number of conductors had been caught "squeezing" and were dismissed.

He denied that whenever a dispute arose between an inspector and a conductor, he would always take the side of the conductor. He also denied that he had ever asked conductors whether or not they had joined the inspectors' Club.

Check Made

He admitted that when a check was made by European mobile inspectors and any discrepancies found, a Chinese inspector would be left behind in the car concerned while the passengers were being brought to the company's office.

Reference was then made by Mr. Silva to a certain letter, which, when shown to witness admitted that he had seen that letter before.

The profits and takings with their daily averages of each tram car for a period of a year was gone into and witness agreed to produce the correct figures at the next hearing.

Further hearing was then adjourned to 2.30 p.m. on October 14.

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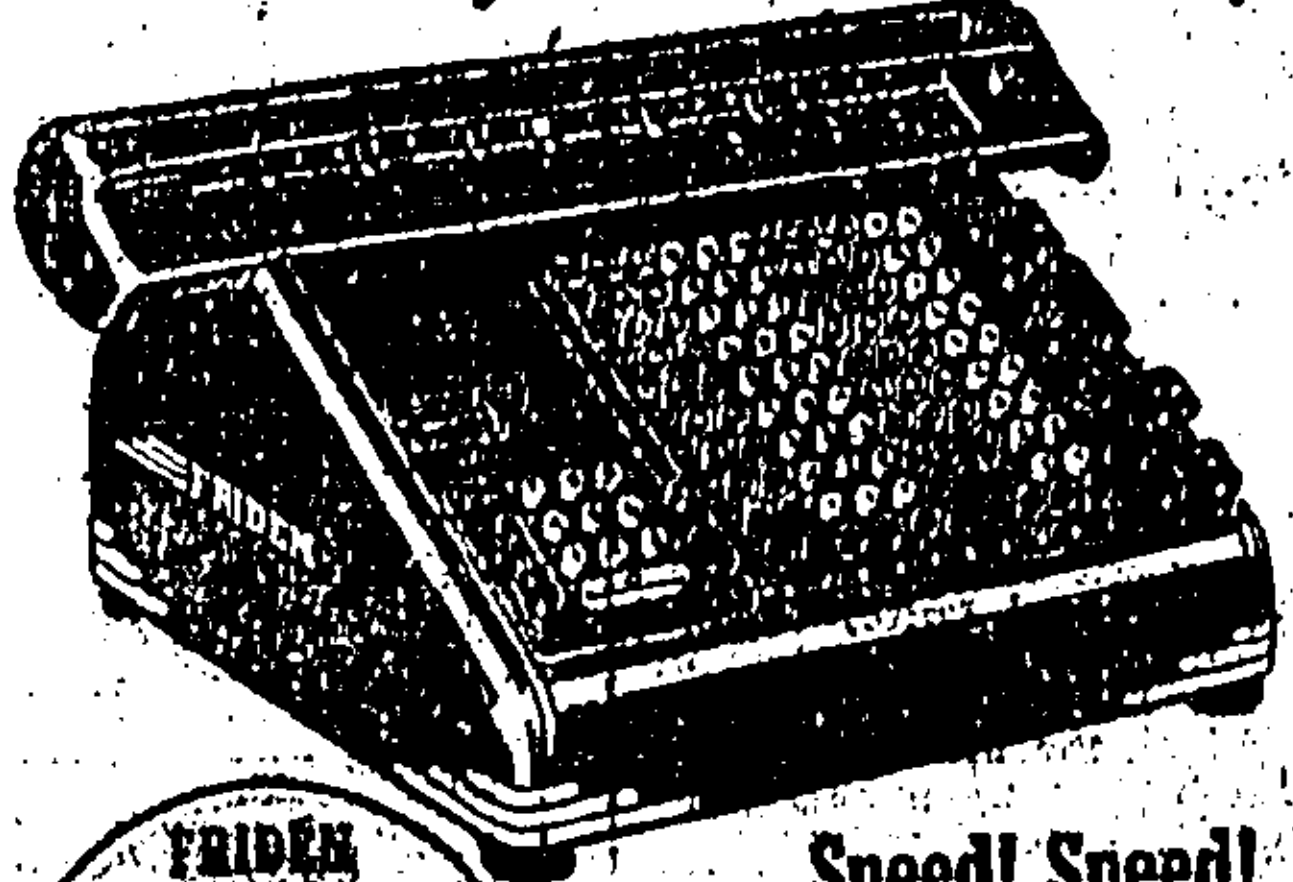
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PWD LARCENY CASE

Evidence of three deals made through Kwok Hing-chiu, brother of the first accused, was given by Chui Tong-hang alias Chung Suk of 20, Cross Street, first floor, Wanchai, at the resumed hearing of the PWD Larceny Case before Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday.

Kwok Kwong, 46-year-old foreman of the PWD Electrical Workshop at Hung Hom, Austin Spary, 49-year-old Grade I Electrical engineer, and Arthur Frederick May, Grade I Electrical engineer inspector, are being charged separately on 12 counts of conspiracy, fraudulent conversion of Government material, and falsification of documents.

The first defendant is being defended by Mr. J. M. d'Almada, Remedios, second accused by Mr. V. L. D'Alton (instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths), and the third by Mr. J. C. Stewart. Mr. A. Hooton, Crown Counsel, assisted by Chief Inspector J. Johnston, is the prosecutor.

Yesterday's morning hearing was occupied by the evidence of Tong Chuen, a PWD wireman, who testified to having been sent, with Ho Cheung and Lo Hung, to Kai Tak during April on some work. He was detailed, he said, on both occasions by Ngai Pui, who also supplied him with the necessary materials.

At the end of April, the second time he was sent to Kai Tak, he was instructed to work at the Cathay Pacific Airways buildings there. Ngai Pui, who gave him the instructions, brought him there the first day and showed him what had to be done in the electrical, radio, and engineering rooms.

On the second, and subsequent days, he went to Kai Tak every morning by PWD lorry from the Hung Hom workshop. Ho Cheung and Lo Hung went with him and were working with him during the whole week that it took to complete the work.

Materials given to him by Ngai Pui for the job, said witnesses, were six power plugs, four wall sockets, two pipe hangers, six iron lamp holders, four main switches, two fuse boxes and 12 five-amp switches. After the wiring had been completed, he was also given four fluorescent lamps to install.

No Instructions

During the whole of the latter part of the week, said witnesses, they received any instructions from Kwok Kwong, and had only seen Kwok and Spary at Kai Tak on one occasion. They were in the electrical room, and Kwok asked him whether the work was completed. He later saw the two walk away with Mr. Hart.

This witness' evidence was corroborated in the afternoon by Ho Cheung, another PWD electrician, and the 19th witness called by the Crown.

Chui Tong-hang said that he knew Kwok Kwong when they were in Canton, and that he approached the defendant's brother, Kwok Hing-chiu, regarding the wiring of his premises at 20 Cross Street, first floor. He subsequently got in touch with Kwok Kwong and had six light, one fluorescent lamp, and three switches fixed.

Witness said that he did not actually see first accused but made all arrangements through the brother. He, however, spoke to Kwok Kwong on the telephone, Chiu said, on two occasions, the last of which was to ask him to get a meter.

When the work was completed, witness said, he asked Kwok Hing-chiu what the cost was and was told, some time later, that it was \$170. He paid this sum to Hing-chiu in a teahouse when Hing-chiu also asked whether he was interested in a ceiling fan, naming \$250 as the price. He said he was not interested.

Some days later witness said, he went to the Shiu Wing firm of 6 Kwong Yuen Street East and the proprietor, Choi Tai-wah, told him that he wanted a ceiling fan changed, and that the price other shops quoted him was \$300.

Witness went on to say that he told Choi about the offer made by Kwok and then telephoned to Kwok Kwong asking whether there was a fan for \$250. The wire replied in the affirmative, whereupon witness gave him the address of Choi's shop. A few days later, witness said, he saw a new fan in his friend's shop.

Saw Money Paid

Chui went on to say that he later saw the money being paid over by Choi to Kwok Kwong's

brother at the Shiu Wing address. There was no receipt or bill given, witness stated.

Less than a month later, witness said, Au Siu-yun of the Yee Fung firm asked him whether he could get another fan like that of Choi's. He again telephoned to first accused and was told by the party at the other end of the wire, who claimed to be Kwok Kwong, that there was another fan. Witness then told that person that he also wanted a regulator.

The prices quoted were \$250 for the fan and \$80 for the regulator. The total amount agreed upon was \$330 for both, said witness, who added that he then gave the other man the address of Au.

The \$300, witness continued, was given to him by Au some days later at the Shiu Wing firm, and he handed it over to Kwok Hing-chiu who entered the shop at that moment. The money, witness claimed, was for the first accused, although he had not seen Kwok Kwong for a few months.

At the end of witness' evidence, Mr. d'Almada objected to the testimony regarding the alleged transactions in respect of the two fans and the regulator on grounds that it was mere hearsay evidence.

Mr. d'Almada said that he could not cross-examine witness on his evidence as that witness would be going to Shanghai in the near future. He could not cross-examine him on the spot, as the other two parties to the alleged transactions were not available then.

Mr. Wicks told counsel that he would make a note of the objections. Further hearing was then adjourned to the morning of October 21.

Lower Albert
To Be Closed

Lower Albert Road, between Ice House Street and Upper Albert Road, will be closed to vehicular traffic from today until repairs to Water Mains are completed.

It will take approximately three days, to complete the work, said an official statement yesterday.

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mr. and Mrs. G. Nolasco, Mr. and Mrs. Y. K. Chen, Mr. and Mrs. C. Savari, Mr. and Mrs. Dufour, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Villa-Francia, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. de Silva.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Hsu, Messrs. Ch. Voytan, J. Zylstra, B. P. Lane, M. Dankeelman, and Miss M. Chau.

Messrs. Mores Wei, P. J. Bokana and Tan Nguan-him left Hong Kong by CPA yesterday for Bangkok and Singapore.

Among the passengers who boarded the CPA plane yesterday for Manila were Keng Kim-chiu, Warren McMillan, Khe Lay, Sy Tan, and Huan Lun.

Arrivals by CPA yesterday from Manila, Bangkok and Singapore included E. Bateman, S. Baldwin, T. C. Fan, Curman Yu, M. Cowperthwaite, D. J. Massey and Kow Ping.

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Scorched sides was the only damage sustained by the US cruiser St. Paul when a sampan, which was moored near her stern, caught fire shortly before 1 p.m. yesterday. China Mail Photo.

Fire Causes Slight
Damage To Cruiser

Blazing petrol on the surface of the harbour injured three persons and slightly damaged the American heavy cruiser, St. Paul, yesterday. The fire followed an explosion which brought crowds to the waterfront. A spectacular blaze with clouds of black smoke billowing high lasted about an hour.

One fire boat from the Central Fire Brigade Station in charge of Divisional Officer C. W. Browne, and the Naval Dockyard Fire Float were sent to the American warship.

The cruiser's crew extinguished the blaze with two deliveries before the arrival of the fire floats.

Press representatives were barred on the warship. The arrangements, allowing members of the public to visit the warship, were also temporarily suspended.

The fire occurred at the stern of St. Paul. As a result, the stern was scorched and blackened.

The "China Mail" learned later in the day that the fire was caused by petrol on the surface of the water at the stern. The petrol was part of an amount spilled in the course of refuelling one of the warship's seaplanes.

Cigarette Or Coal

It was reported that either a lighted cigarette end or a live coal discarded by people on a sampan lying off the stern of the warship, set it alight.

Following an explosion shortly before 1 p.m. yesterday, flames leapt from the water, licking the stern of the St. Paul and threatening to engulf the sampan. The sampan, however, managed to clear the area, after three persons on board—a man and two women—were badly burned by the flames. The injured were taken ashore by the Police and fire brigade and sent to the Kowloon Hospital.

St. Paul arrived at Hong Kong on Saturday. She was accompanied by the American seaplane tender, Manu Island. St. Paul is under the command of Captain W. L. Field.

GOLD BAR CASE
BEFORE COURT

The 40 gold bars, weighing 200 taels and valued at approximately \$500,000 seized on board the ship Ping On on Saturday last came before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central yesterday.

Yuen Kin, the ship's carpenter and owner of the gold, was released on bail, failed to answer the charge.

The application of R. O. Redman, the magistrate made an order for confiscation.

Appeal Against
Sentence Fails

Three Chinese who appealed to the Full Court yesterday against the severity of the sentence passed on them were told by Sir Leslie Gibson that before they elected to trample on the rights of their fellow-men, they should have thought of their dependants at home.

The Full Court which commenced to seven years and six months for Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), Mr. Justice Gould (Pulvis Judge) and Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge), refused the application of Chung Hung, Tso Tong and So Yau for a reduction in sentence. They were sentenced to 10 years and 12 strokes, nine years and 10 strokes and four years and 12 strokes by Mr. Justice Reynolds at the July Criminal Sessions for armed robbery and possession of arms.

The accused claimed that the arms did not belong to them and that they had families at home. Their families were destitute and were entirely dependant on them for support.

Three other applications to the same Full Court for a reduction of sentence were also refused. The applicants were:

— Chung Shu-yu, who was sentenced to seven years and six months for Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice), Mr. Justice Gould (Pulvis Judge) and Mr. Justice Reynolds (Additional Judge), refused the application of Chung Hung, Tso Tong and So Yau for a reduction in sentence. They were sentenced to 10 years and 12 strokes, nine years and 10 strokes and four years and 12 strokes by Mr. Justice Reynolds at the July Criminal Sessions for armed robbery and possession of arms.

WEDDING

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Eric Lonsdale, Inspector of Works, P.W.D., c/o French Mission, Battersea, path, and Miss Helen Shearer Thomson, stenographer of Elliot Miller Bell, Pokfulam, Hong Kong.

Policeman
Absolved
Of Charge

Holding that there was no criminal intent, Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday discharged Liu Yen-chu, aged 22, a police constable, on a charge of larceny by servant of a lady's wrist watch on September 14.

The prosecution was conducted by Detective Inspector A. P. Crochane and defendant represented by Mr. P. J. Griffiths.

Before the case commenced Inspector Crochane informed the court that the main witness, who was away from the colony and expected back some time today or tomorrow.

Mr. Griffiths replied that if the principal witness is not forthcoming he will have to ask for the case to be dismissed.

Alternatively, said Mr. Griffiths he would suggest that if the principal witness is not forthcoming the prosecution must carry on with whatever evidence they may have to produce.

It would be most unwise, he said for the accused to have a charge hanging over his head indefinitely.

Inspector Crochane said that as a result of a letter received on September 16 he sent for defendant and enquired of him if at 3 p.m. on the above date he had been handed a lady's wrist watch in Queen's Road Central by a stranger.

Frank Admission

Defendant frankly admitted it was so and said that the watch was under his pillow, where it was actually found.

Asked why he had not handed it in to the Charge Room, he replied that the stranger that handed the watch to him spoke to him in a language he did not understand.

He thought that the stranger would be calling and for that reason he had held on to the watch.

After evidence had been given by two constables for the prosecution, one of which said that defendant met him in Queen's Road Central and voluntarily told him that a stranger had handed him a watch Mr. Griffiths said that no clear case had been made out against his client as to criminal intent and asked for his discharge.

Mr. d'Almada said that from the prosecution's outline of the case, everything pointed to defendant's frankness. The evidence of one of the constables also weighed favourably for defendant and he must discharge him.

The magistrate, however, said, he would refer the case to defendant's department for any departmental action that might be taken against him.

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No fine was imposed in either case.

Revenue Inspector D. H. Knox prosecuted.

Reminders

Today

Tue II Club meeting, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.

Talk on "Beach-head Operation" by E. B. Granger-Crochane, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

Sino-British Club Orchestra rehearsal, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.

Football: Second Division matches.

Coming Events TOMORROW

St. Thomas More Association, screening of film "Our Lady of Fatima" with introductory talk by Rev. Fr. H. de Angelis, Catholic Club, King's Bldg., 6.45 p.m.

RAF association meeting, Luncheon at Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

H.K. Stage Club presents "Blithe Spirit" China Floor Club Theatre, 9 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

FRIDAY

H.K. Stage Club presents "Blithe Spirit" China Floor Club Theatre, 9 p.m.

King's George V School Parents Association-sponsored Fashion Show, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY

Classical Concert, Tue II Club, Talbot House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.45 p.m.

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No. of Lot	Registry No.	Location	Boundaries	Area in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1531.	Tai Po Road	As per sale plan (Area edged red)	5,000 (about)	\$220.00	\$30,000.00

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Director of Public Works.

Date: 5th October, 1948.

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Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Eighth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, October 23, 1948 (Weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, October 14, 1948.

By Order,
S. A. Sleep,
Actg. Secretary.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the abovenamed Company will be held at 601/000 Marina House, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 2nd November, 1948, at 12 noon for the following purposes.

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1948; to confirm the appointment of a Director and to elect a Director; to elect Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th October to the 2nd November, 1948 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, October 12, 1948.

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Thirtieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the abovenamed Company will be held at 601/000 Marina House, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 2nd November, 1948, at 12.15 p.m. for the following purposes.

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1948; to confirm the appointment of a Director and to elect a Director; to elect Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 20th October to the 2nd November, 1948 both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

J. A. WATTIE & CO., LTD.,
Secretaries.

Hong Kong, October 12, 1948.

THE TEBONG RUBBER ESTATE, LIMITED

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinance, Hongkong)

REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1948.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Twenty-third Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the abovenamed Company will be held at 601/000 Marina House, Hongkong, on Tuesday, the 2nd November, 1948, at 12.30 p.m. for the following purposes.

To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March, 1948; to confirm the appointment of a Director and to elect a Director; to elect Auditors and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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Hong Kong, October 12, 1948.

NOTICE

THE CHINA COAST NAVIGATING AND ENGINEER OFFICERS' GUILD.

A meeting of the Management Committee will be held at the office (third floor), Union Building, 21, Pedder Street, at 5 p.m. on Thursday, October 14th, 1948.

GEORGE T. LLOYD,
General Secretary.

Hong Kong, Oct. 12, 1948.

SOCIETY OF ST. GEORGE, HONG KONG

Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Society will be held at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 1948, in the Board Room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Exchange Building, by kind permission of the Stewards, for the purposes of:—
(1) Altering the end of the financial year from December 31, to September 30.

(2) Altering the date of the Annual General Meeting from the month of March to the month of October.

If these alterations are approved, the Extraordinary General Meeting will be followed by the Annual General Meeting.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & Co.

Secretaries & Treasurers.

Annual General Meeting

If approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting called above, the Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at 8 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 1948, in the Board Room of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Exchange Building, by kind permission of the Stewards, for the purposes of:—

(1) Approving the accounts for the 9 months ending September 30, 1948;

(2) Electing Officers for the ensuing year;

(3) Fixing the date for the St. George's Ball;

(4) Any other business.

PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & Co.

Secretaries & Treasurers.

NOTICE

GENERAL AVERAGE

s.s. "ANDRE LEBON"

Grounding at Saigon on September 27, 1948.

Owing to the grounding of this vessel at the entrance of Saigon river and subsequent expenses in connection with refloating her a General Average has been declared.

Consignees of all cargo which was on board previous to the grounding of this vessel will be required to sign an Average Agreement and to pay a deposit of 15% before their cargo be released.

Cie des Messageries Maritimes

Hong Kong, October 12, 1948.

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By Dick Turner



"Could we stop by my place on the way, officer? My wife just gets terrible fussy if I don't come straight home from work!"

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay

GOOD AS AN OPENING
OFTEN a hand, which does not look like an opening bid, is at least as good as a minimum opening bid for the declarer's purposes. It contains a suit which fits well with your partner's holding. In such an event, it is well to preclude the fact to him with a jump bid on your next turn, or else by going all the way to game in the fitting suit. Failure to do that may result in his passing the deal out at less than a game contract when a game is in the cards.

SAJ
H Q J 10 3 2
D Q 8 5 2
C 10 2
S K 6 5
H 5 6 5
D A 4
C K 8 0
S 2
H A 9 4
D J 9 7 3
C J 0 5 3
(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)

North East South West
Pass Pass Pass 1 C
1 H 2 H 2 S
3 H 3 S

It was really just too bad to see the way that East and West lost their chance for a game. To West, the final bid of 3-Spades by East sounded a good deal like a one-trick sacrifice, and he therefore dropped it at that level, since his own hand was not much better than a bare minimum opening and his partner had passed on his first turn.

West was exactly right to pass this, as he pointed out during the post-mortem. The one at fault was East. For playing with

spades as the trump, he had about as good a hand as you expect to find, barring freaks, by a player whose opening pass could be sound. As soon as he heard his partner give him a single raise, botkoking a fit, he should have stood ready to bid 4-Spades on his own next turn.

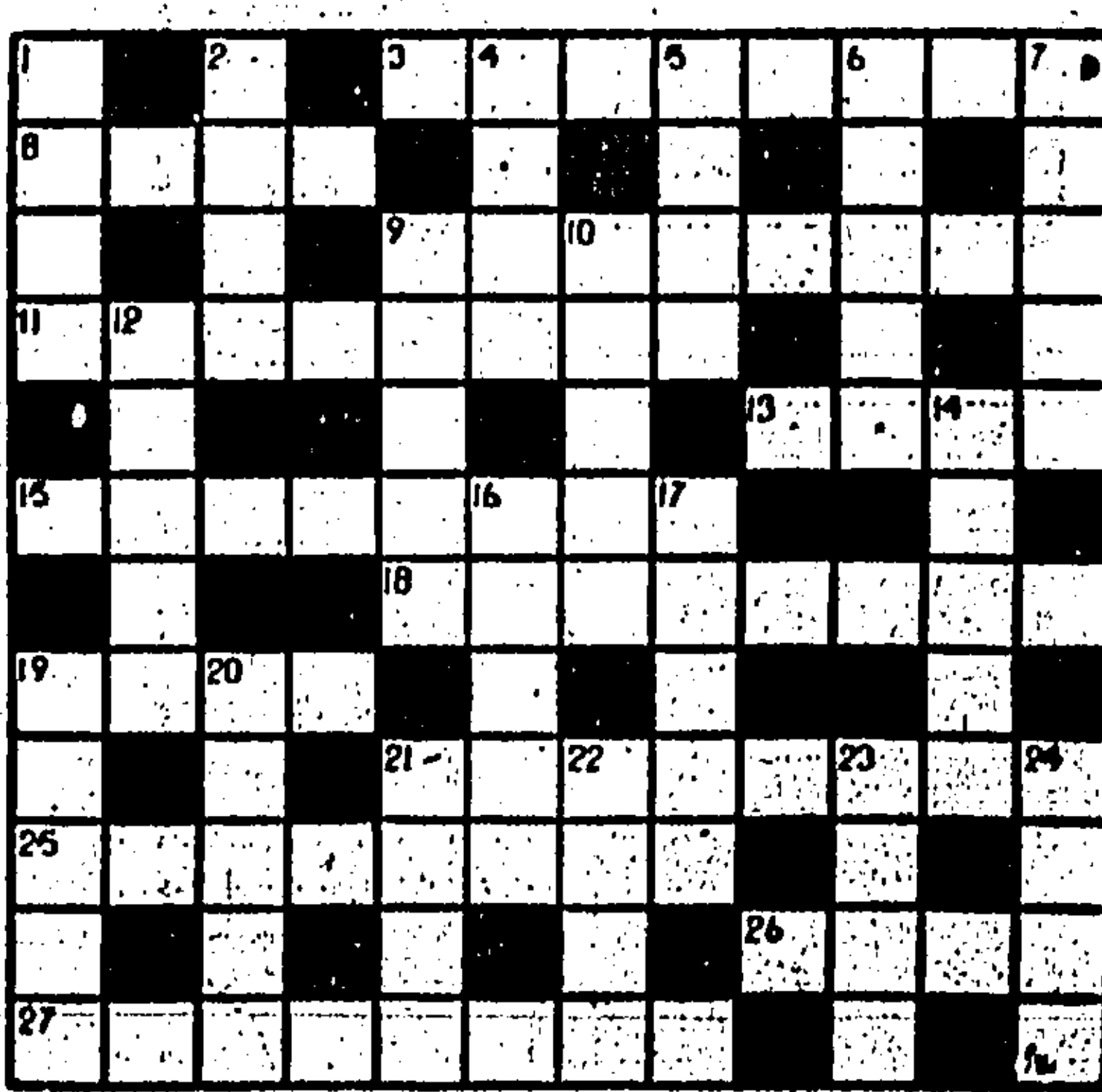
There was nothing at all to the stint of making enough tricks for game. In fact, East took an extra trick above the game number because the heart K sat over the A. But, alas, no game resulted, because it had not been bid.

East's only reason for passing originally was his lack of defensive strength. But his question of bidding game had nothing to do with defensive values, but only offensive ones. From that standpoint, his hand was better than some minimum 1-Spade openings, having a very good four playing tricks. As we pointed out two decades ago, an opening bid opposite an opening bid will nearly always make a game if the two hands fit.

Tomorrow's Problem
S K 9
H 0 5
D A 10 8 3
C A 10 6 4 2
S 8 7 5
H 9 8 3
D Q 7 5
C J 7 0 3
S J 10 4 3
H A Q J
D 10 4
C Q 3
S A Q 6 2
H K 7 2
D K 6 4
C K 8
(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)

Why is 1-Spade a better bid by South than 2-No Trumps after North's 1-Club and East's 1-Heart?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

3 Accumu-
lates.
8 Hard work.
9 Showing off.
11 Recollected.
13 Inclination.
15 Turns aside.

Clues Down

1 Bustle.
2 Flat plate.
4 Gum.
5 Burden.
6 Scold.
7 Vision.
8 Fold.
10 Allude.
12 Happen-
ing.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Tested, 4 Extol; 7 Multiple, 8 Ripen, 9 Dollar, 11 Treacle, 13 Confuse, 15 Goblet, 18 Alert, 19 Reliable, 20 Dodge, 21 Salute.
DOWN—1 Timid, 2 Total, 3 Theme.

Departs, 4 Emergo, 5 Tropical, 6 Lounge, 10 Lingered, 12 Regalos, 13 Chaled, 14 Untrue, 16 Brawl, 17 Theme.

UK PUTS INTO PRACTICE DR. SUN'S PRINCIPLE

Shanghai, October 12.

Admiration of the British system of government was expressed by Dr. Chen Li-fu, Vice-President of the Legislative Yuan, when he reported to the Legislative Yuan on the impressions he gathered during his recent tour of Europe and the United States.

Dr. Chen expressed the opinion that the prevailing policy of the British Government differed very little from Dr. Sun Yat-sen's Principle of People's Livelihood. In other words, he said, "Britain has actually put into practice Dr. Sun's ideas before his own people in China did."

Dr. Chen declared that what impressed him most in Britain was the people's success in achieving social security under the Labour Government as a result of the enactment of the Family Allowances Act, the National Insurance Act, the National Insurance against Industrial Injuries Act, and the National Health Service Act.

This Government, he said, was now laying the foundation for socialised economy, and in this connection had taken two important measures: nationalisation of major economic enterprises and control of ordinary economic enterprises.

Dr. Chen noted that Great Britain was one of the very few countries which had retained the tradition of bloodless revolution. "Smoothly," he asserted, "the British people have changed their government by ballot, and calmly they are replacing capitalism with socialism through legislative procedure."

High Terms

Dr. Chen spoke in high terms of the spirit and confidence of the British people in their ability to overcome their present difficulties, and held up as worthy of emulation by the Chinese people.



This is Radio Hong Kong, broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 9.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

12.15 p.m.—Morning Prayers (Studio).
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Grand Symphony Orchestra.
1.00 p.m.—Patricia Rossborough at the Piano.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—"From the Show".
2.00 p.m.—Class Drama.
2.05 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—"Count of Monte Cristo" by Alexandre Dumas (H.B.C.T.).
6.15 p.m.—"The Man Within" starring Michael Redgrave, Joan Greenwood, Joan Kent and Richard Attenborough as the story.
6.30 p.m.—"Wednesday Serenade".
7.00 p.m.—"It's in the Air". Variety Request Programme presented by Susan Howard (Studio).
8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
8.15 p.m.—Negro Spirituals by the North Carolina College Choir.

8.30 p.m.—"The London Playhouse".
8.45 p.m.—"The Man Within" starring Michael Redgrave, Joan Greenwood, Joan Kent and Richard Attenborough as the story.
9.00 p.m.—A Studio Concert by Joe Hall (Studio).
9.15 p.m.—Excerpts from the Current Production by the Hong Kong Stage Club of Noel Coward's "The Spirit". Opening at the China Fleet Club on October 11. Produced by Clifford Davies (Studio).

10.05 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).
10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
10.30 p.m.—Music of Percy Fletcher.
10.35 p.m.—Music for Dancing.
11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).
11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Good Night.

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Appeal Motion Denied

San Francisco, October 12.

The California Supreme Court has denied a motion for appeal by Edward W. Kwok, Chinese auctioneer of Los Angeles.

He was convicted of robbery and conspiracy, accused of having participated in a holdup and beating of Mrs. Ellen Berry, a wealthy customer who attended his auctions.

The conviction resulted when one of Kwok's accomplices turned State's evidence.

—Associated Press.

BRITISH GOOD BUT US BETTER

London, October 11.

British television "is excellent, but the United States production is present is better," according to Mr. Lionel Hooke, Managing Director of the Amalgamated Wireless Australian Limited, quoted by Radio Australia today.

Mr. Hooke has just completed a tour of Britain and the United States.—Reuter.

CORRIDOR TO MUKDEN BY SEA MAY BE MADE

Nanking, October 12.

The current Nationalist successes in the Manchurian front northwest of Mukden and in the Liaotung Peninsula gave rise to the belief that the Government is making efforts to open up a new corridor to Mukden from the sea.

Government forces driving against Yingkow were unofficially reported to have recaptured the port on the west coast of the peninsula, which would provide an alternate port from which the Government could move in supplies to Manchuria if Huludao across the Gulf of Liaotung is menaced by the Communists.

The drive against Red-held Changwu, 63 miles northwest of Mukden, would eliminate the Communist supply base and make it easier for the government to open up a new corridor to Mukden from the southeast.

Red pressure on Chinchow, which is at present valueless as the government staging centre, makes the opening of the new route necessary for continued possession of Mukden.

Taimen and Hsipinghotze, just south of Changwu, have been cleared of the Reds, according to pro-Government reports.

Official confirmation of the recapture of Yingkow was not forthcoming but the report of a victory there by the Army organ, Peace Daily, gives a semi-official stamp to the report.

Battle For Faku

Fifty miles straight north of Mukden, the Government troops

were reported to be pushing the Reds back in a battle for Faku which, like Changwu, is a Red supply base. However, small forces were reported to be engaged in Faku.

The return of the Communists to the attack of Taiyuan was confirmed in reports from the Shensi capital. However, pro-Government reports claim that initial attacks resulted in failure.

The Chinese Red radio claimed that because of the capture of Tsuan, capital of Shanling Province, the Communists are now in a position to move hundreds of thousands of men against Shensi in another Westward sweep.

There was little information on the progress of fighting in the vicinity of Sian, capital of Shensi province, but previous despatches predicted that the Communists were manoeuvring for an attack on the city.—United Press.

Watchword For West

Bristol, October 11.

A new watchword for the Western Union was given by the Minister of Defence, Mr. A. V. Alexander, here tonight—"To work with the trowel while having the sword girded at our side."

Speaking at a dinner, Mr. Alexander said: "It is to the spiritual recovery and the economic revival of the cradle of Western civilisation that our main efforts should in these times be directed."

He thought it "more than probable that the Soviet Union counts on forcing the Western European powers to maintain such a heavy armament that the effects of the European Recovery Programme are largely discounted."

"She may calculate that in this way she can in due course garner the fruit of war without ever firing a shot."

Mr. Alexander said the real answer to the problem of Britain's recovery must be increased output per head. It was the only possible way of increasing efficiency must be exploited.

"In the meantime, it does not help to hear Jews about living on charity," he added.

Until Britain was economically sound, she could not afford to be as militarily strong as she would wish to be. Economic recovery had therefore been regarded as a first line of defence, he said.

"We have now to steer most carefully, since any undue transfer of material and labour from export to munitions might lead to the Soviet Union achieving the whole of their objectives without firing a shot."—Reuter.

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Fare for return journey will be \$1 payable on Board. Passengers are kindly requested to be punctual as the Ferry is not allowed to remain alongside Police Pier for more than 5 minutes.

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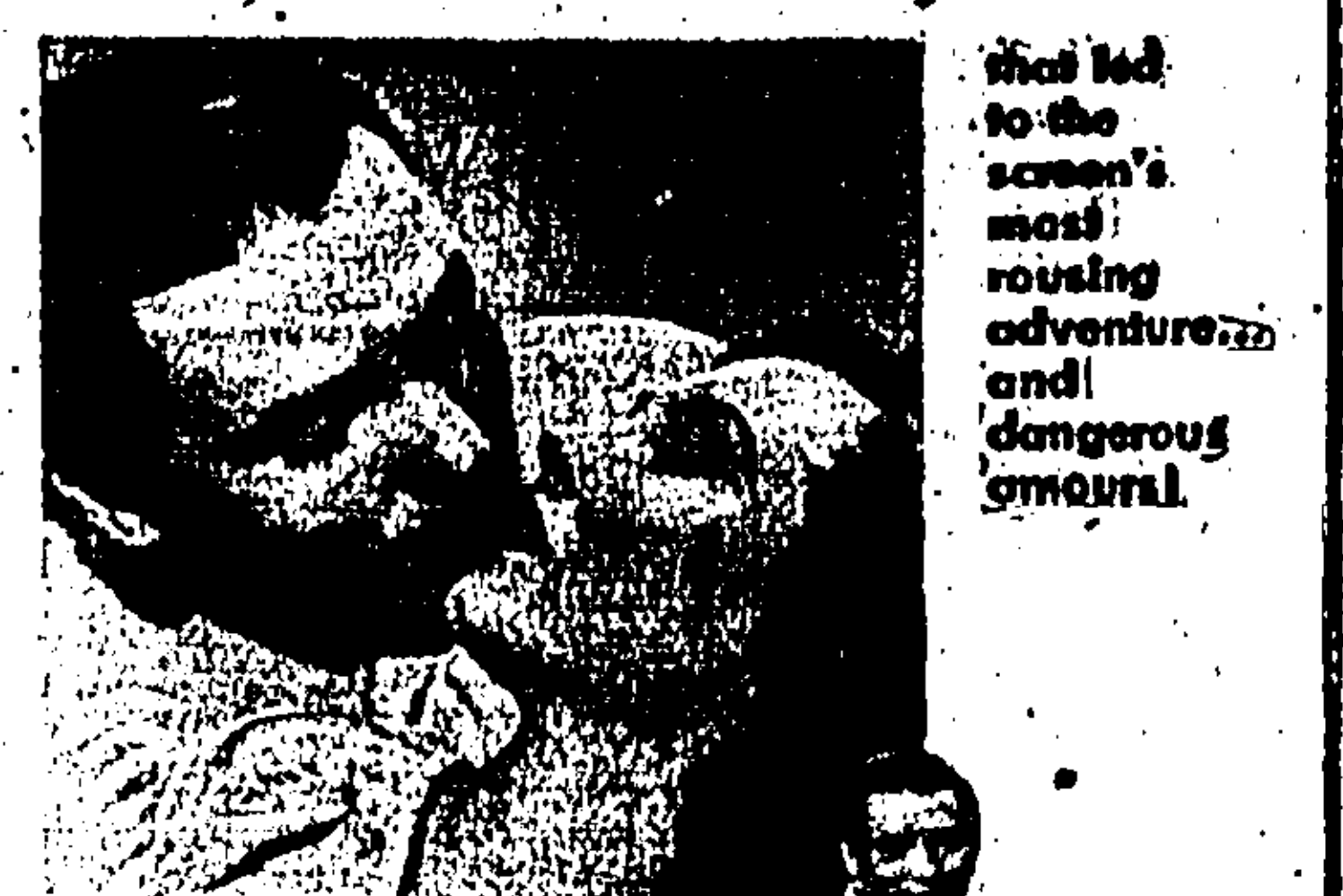
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TOUGH GOING FOR WINSTON

Winston Churchill, who did much to plan a more serious invasion of France, does a little "beach storming" on his own at Monte Carlo. Top left: his pet poodle "Fluffy" steams across his master's bows. Lower left: Like less celebrated mortals, the ex-Premier finds the pebbles hard going. Right: That was a knobbly one! Winston makes a four-pronged landing.





By virtue of their fine win over Combined Chinese in the first game of the Victory Shield, which was played on the Navy Ground at Causeway Bay on Thursday last, Combined Services stand a very good chance of retaining the Shield, as in their next meeting with the Chinese, they only need a draw to win the Competition.

Although the game was arranged as a mid-week fixture last week, the stands were packed to capacity and spectators were treated to one of the most thrilling games seen in the Colony for a long time. Staging a brilliant recovery late in the second half, when they were being led by three goals to one, Army emerged victors by four goals to three.

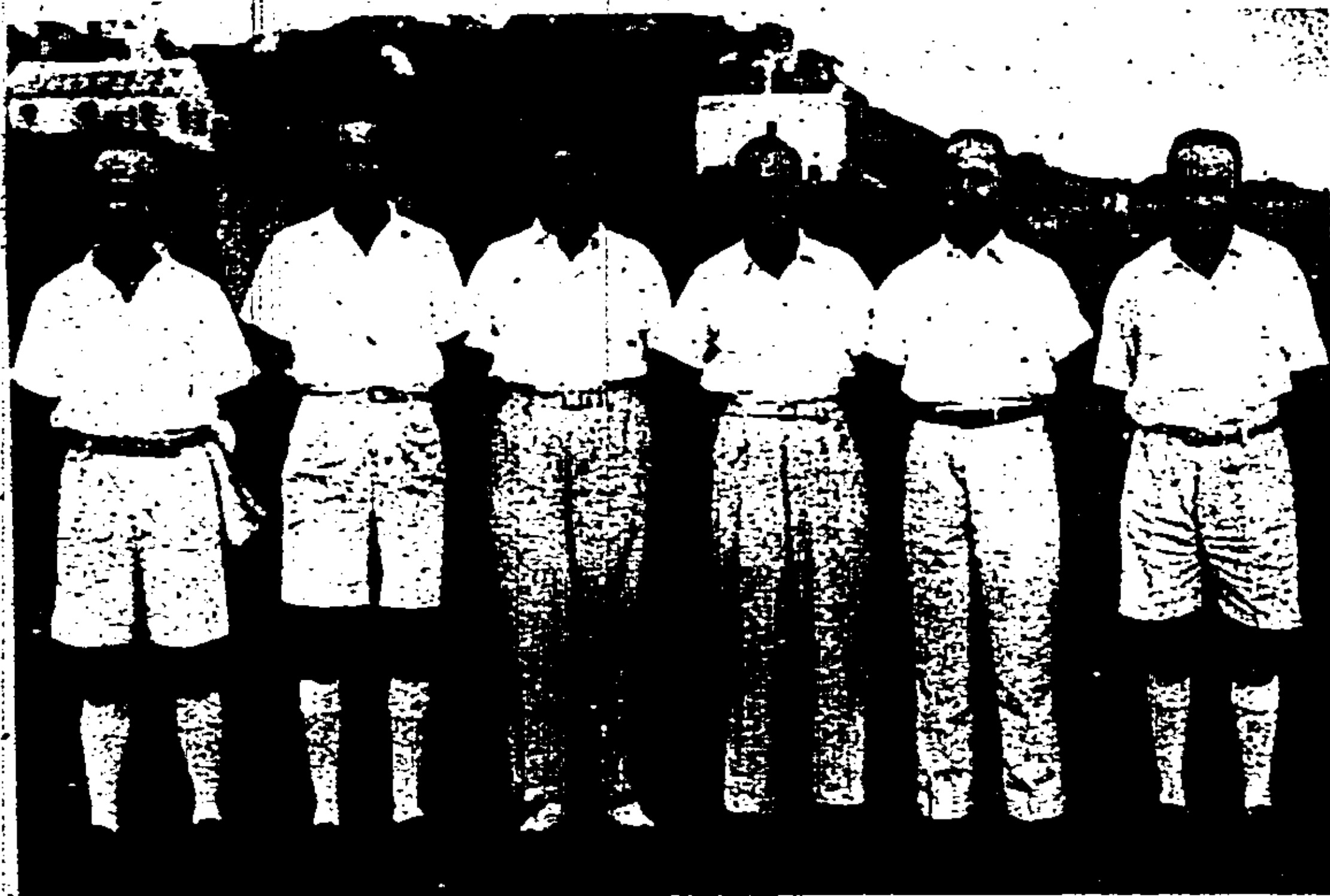
The Combined Chinese XI which went down by four goals to three to the Combined Services in the first game of the Victory Shield Soccer Competition. (China Mail Photo)



The victorious Combined Services XI which scored a four to three victory (China Mail Photo)



Photo taken during the game between the Combined Services and the Combined Chinese (China Mail Photo)



Group Photo of the Shanghai Portuguese Lawn Bowls team. (Left to right) Messrs. V. S. Xavier, C. L. Passos, G. A. S. de Souza, J. E. Medina and B. E. Pintos. (China Mail Photo)

A tussle in front of the Combined Chinese goal-mouth during the Victory Shield Soccer Competition. (China Mail Photo)

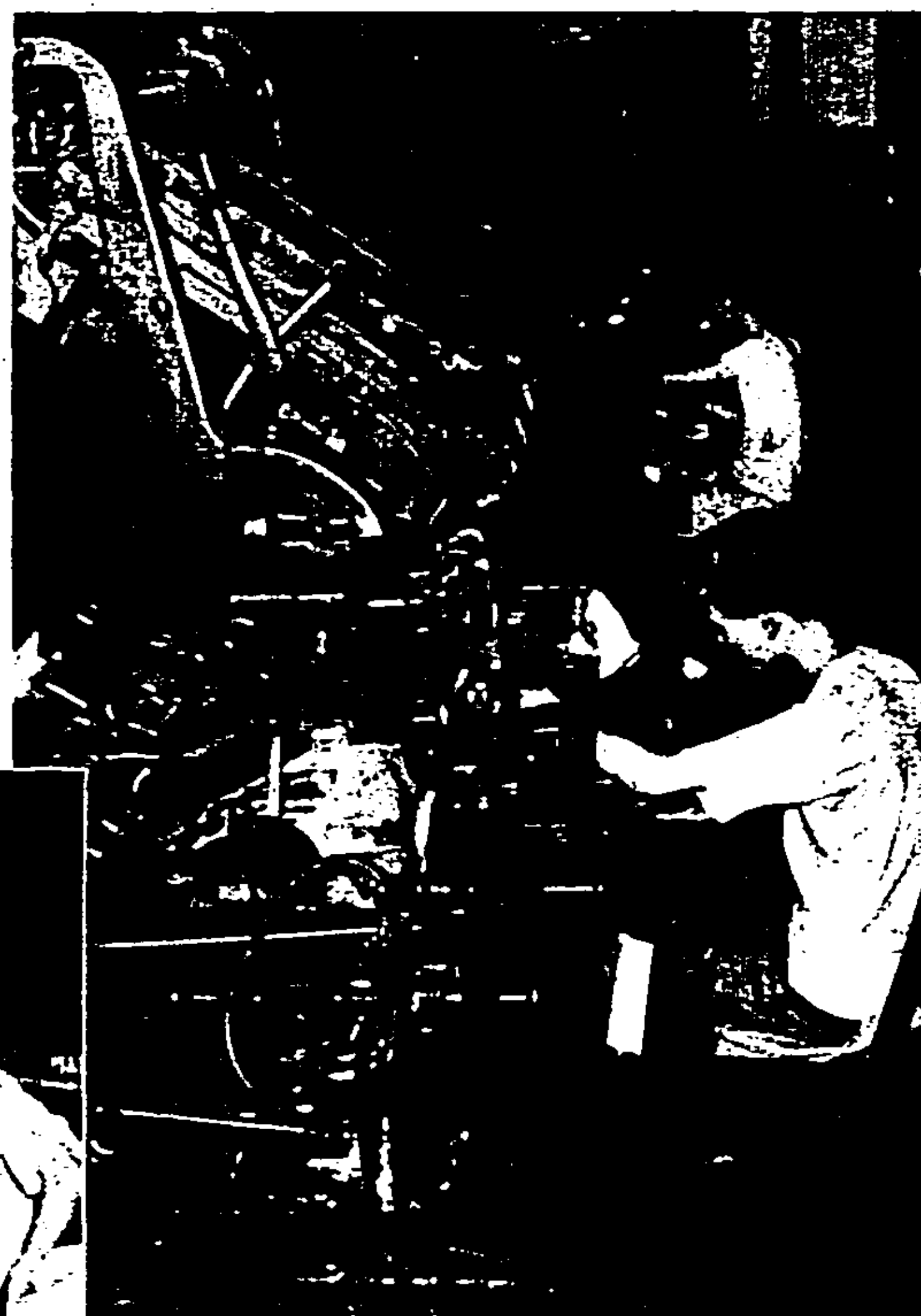


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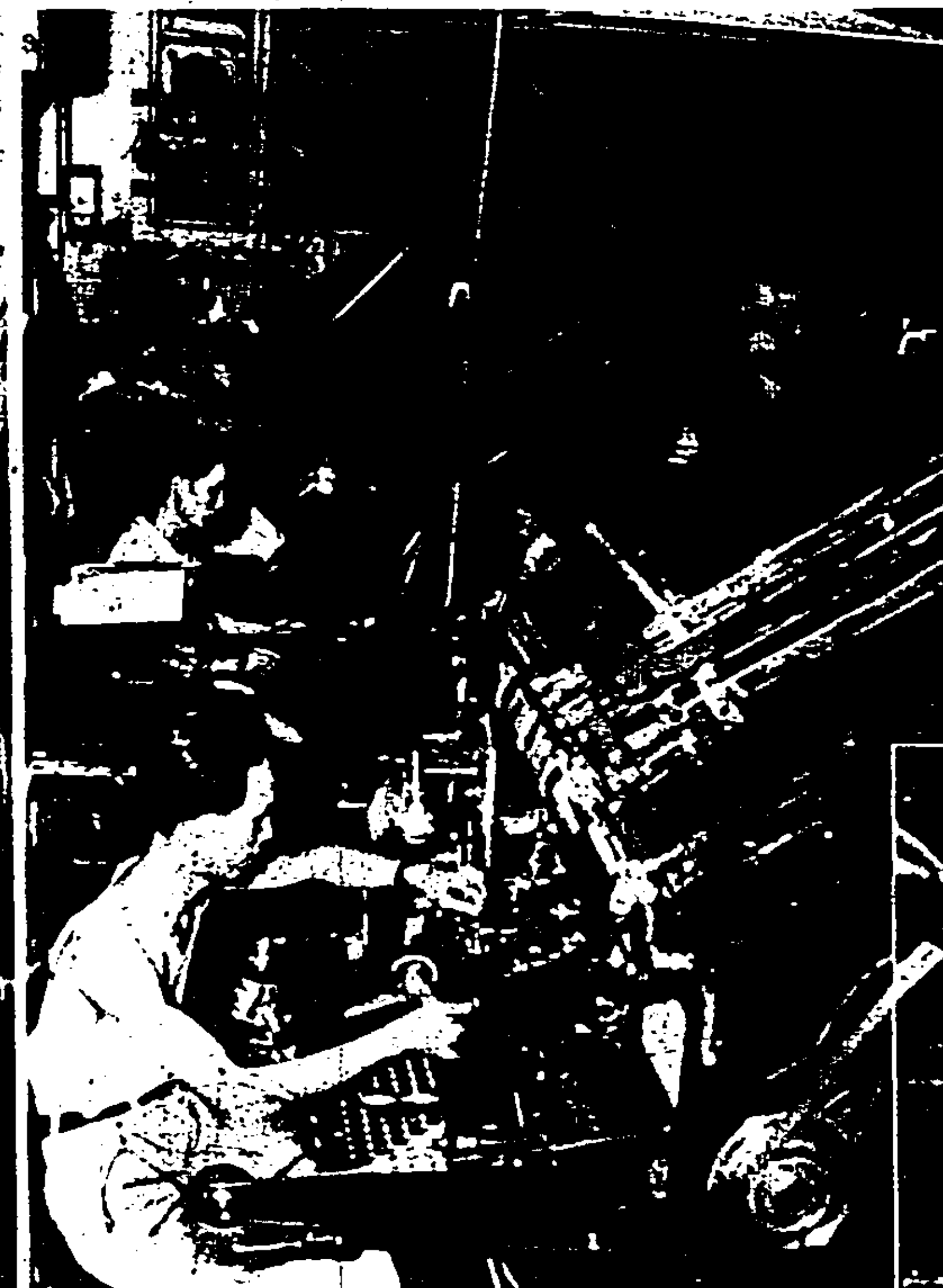
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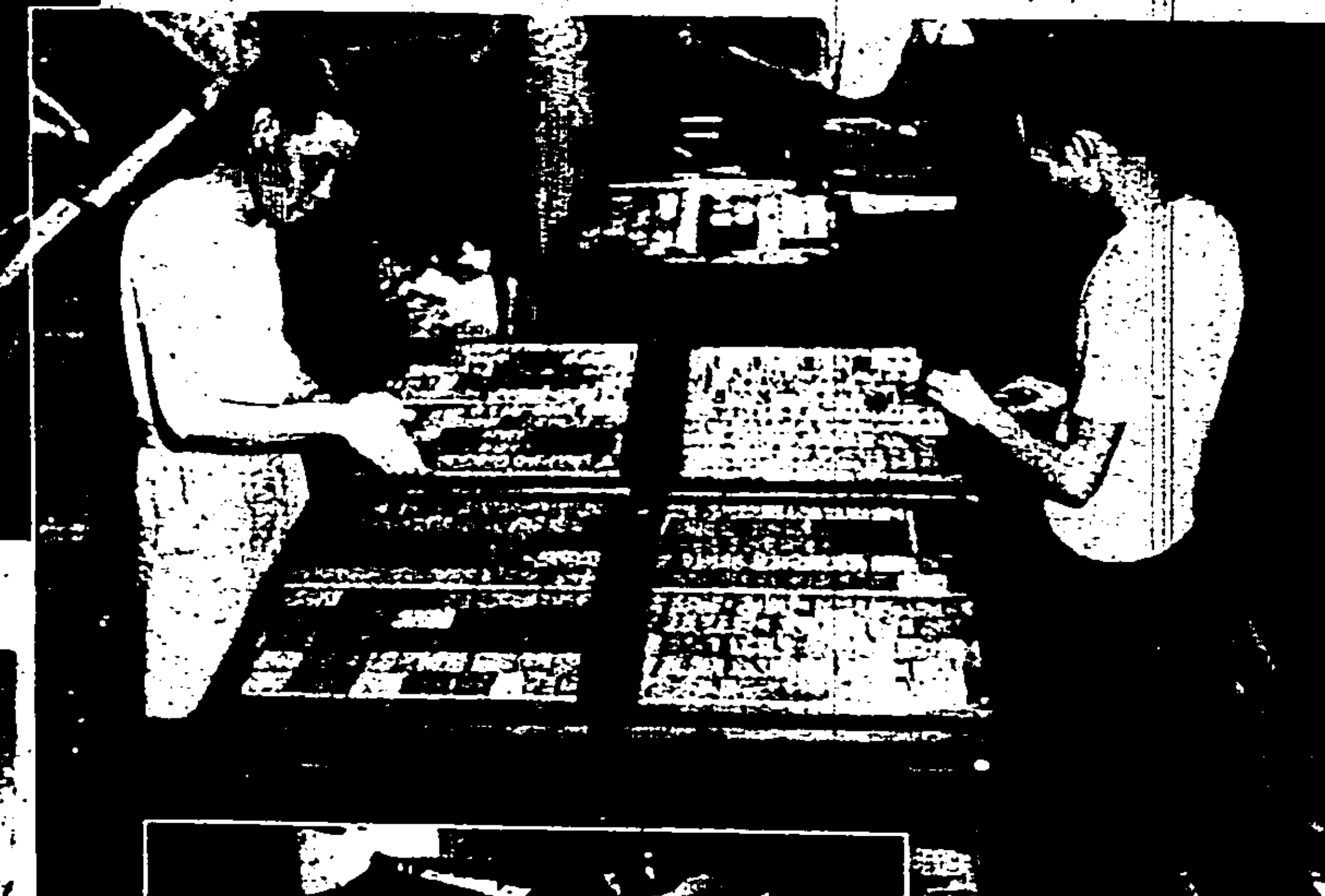
The batteries of linotype machines. These set type mechanically when operators punch a type-writer-like keyboard.



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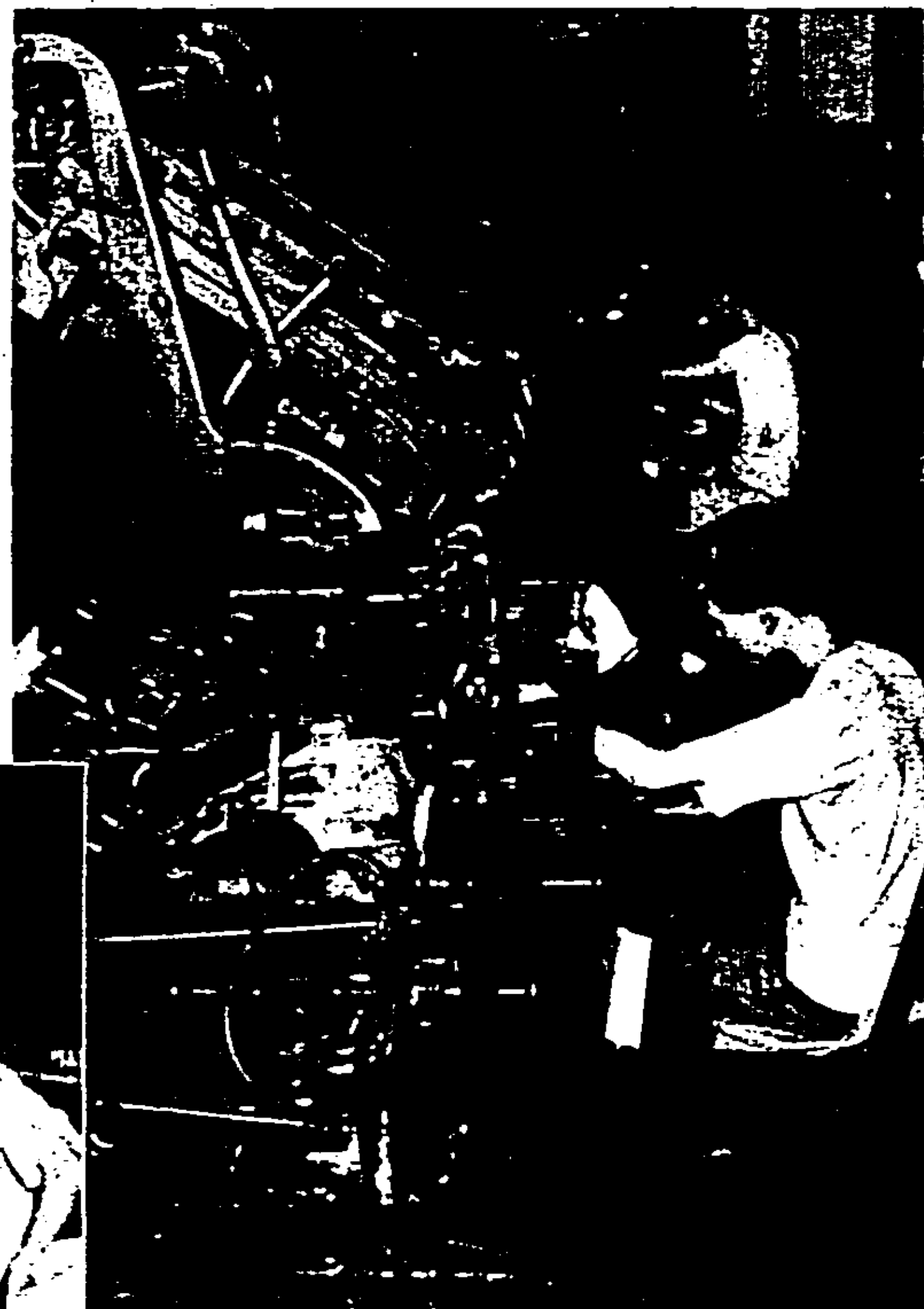
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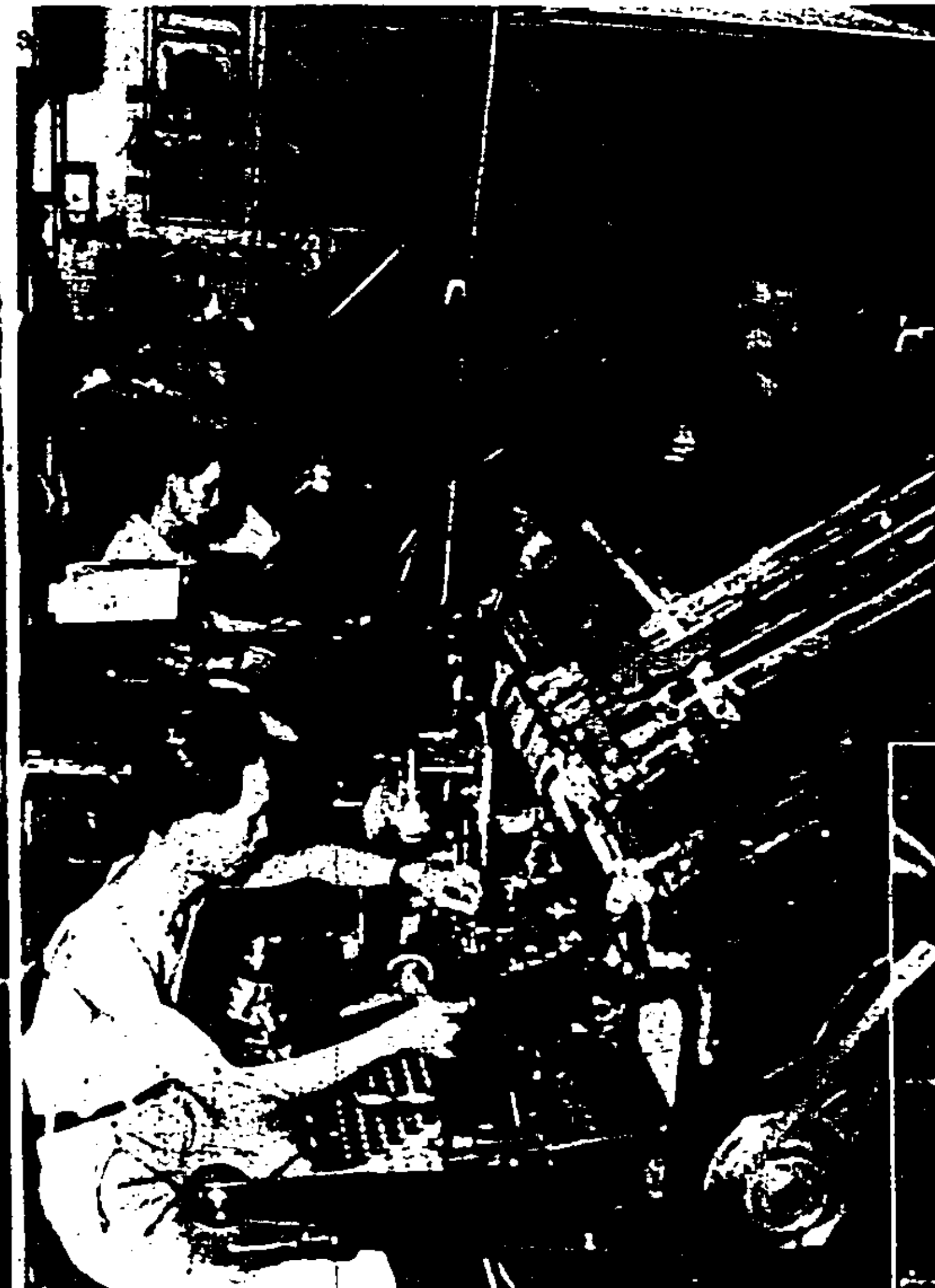
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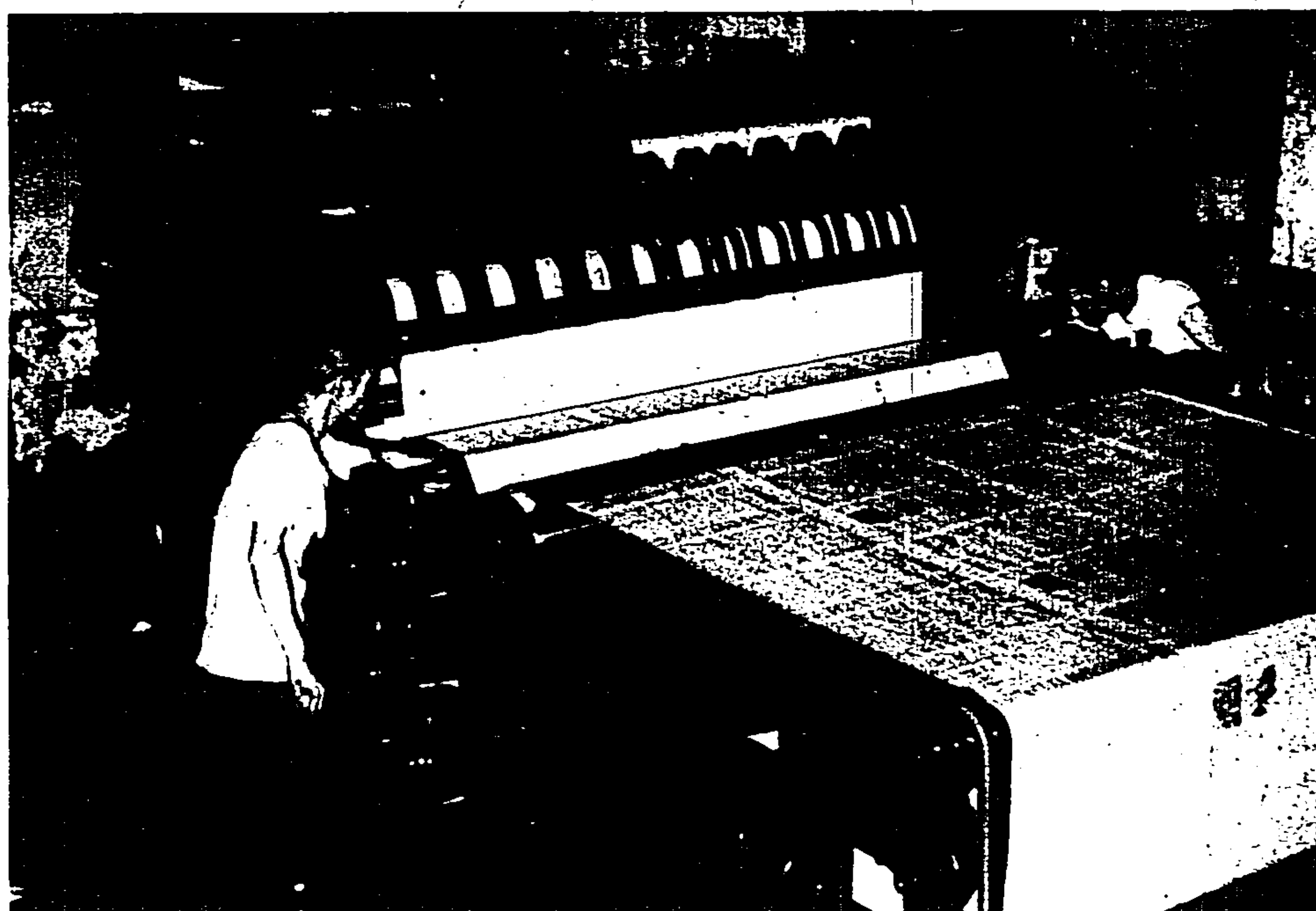
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Prime Ministers Stress Eagerness To Buy Goods Within Sterling Area

London, October 11.

The pressing need of every Commonwealth country for capital goods and a keen desire to buy where ever possible from the sterling area, were underlined again and again by the Prime Ministers and their representatives at the Commonwealth Premiers' Conference which opened here today.

MARSHALL, HOFFMAN TO PARIS

Washington, October 11. The Secretary of State, Mr. George Marshall, who is leaving by air for Paris tonight will be accompanied by the Marshall Plan Administrator, Mr. Paul G. Hoffman.

Mr. Hoffman's mission to leave for Paris was announced less than an hour before departure time. It can be expected that the two men will be in Paris for a visit to Europe which was originally scheduled to start on October 19.

Hoffman plans an early meeting with the Economic Co-operation Administration, Ambassador-at-Large, Mr. Averell Harriman, to discuss the plans for a meeting in Paris during the week beginning October 18 of all the European ECA chiefs of missions.

This was the first disclosure of plans for such a meeting.

The fact that Mr. Hoffman was going to Europe ahead of time and was also accompanying Mr. Marshall indicated that important talks on the overall problems of European co-operation were in preparation.

ECA and State Department officials declined to speculate further on the purposes of the trip but authoritative sources pointed out that:

Not Complete

1. The O.E.E.C. has still not yet completed its plans for the first full 12 months of Marshall Plan allocations and the common currency pooling arrangement.

2. With a Republican victory in the November presidential elections in sight, Republican spokesmen, including both Governor Dewey and Senator Vandenberg, are pressing strongly for the speediest possible unification of Western Europe as a condition of continued American aid.

3. Most of Europe's leading statesmen are now in Paris for the United Nations' meeting and Mr. Hoffman is likely to take the opportunity of meeting and impressing on this Republic the demand in relation to the congressional debate on further funds for E.R.P. that must come next year.

Reparations

During his stay in Europe, Mr. Hoffman will try to reach a final settlement with the British and French Governments on German reparations shipments, it was learned authoritatively here today.

It is understood that he will probably meet both Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. Robert Schuman, the British and French Foreign Ministers respectively.

During his tour, he will visit Germany and Britain as well as France. It is understood that a rough agreement was reached to investigate the merits of the dismantling of each individual German plant one by one.

A party of American Army engineers has now left for Germany to take part in this process which will take some time to complete.

Mr. Hoffman is empowered by Congress to ask France and Britain to curtail dismantling if he should decide such a step would benefit European recovery as a whole.

He is expected to impress on the European statesmen the need for settling this issue before Congress meets early next year.

The British and French Governments, which originally opposed any halt in dismantling, appear to observers here to have relaxed their views in the last few weeks.—Reuter.

In the discussion which followed a general economic review by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, the visiting statesmen expressed their warm admiration of the long way Britain had gone towards economic recovery within a short time.

The Prime Ministers stressed the Commonwealth countries' appreciation of the "substantial and rapid reduction" of the trade deficit of the sterling area.

The opening meeting of the Commonwealth Conference took place in a room which was described as "an atmosphere of extreme cordiality and friendliness," which was reflected in short speeches by the various leaders.

Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, the Prime Minister of India, told the gathering which included a number of Cabinet Ministers, that he had long looked forward to this meeting. This was the first time a representative of free India had been at such talks.

"No nation's problems can be solved," Mr. Nehru said, "India is eager to co-operate with the other nations of the Commonwealth." He said he was impressed by the atmosphere of friendship and co-operation which he considered of more importance than logical discussion.

Representing Millions

The Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Liaquat Ali Khan, pointed out that sitting round the table of No. 10, Downing Street today were the representatives of between five and six hundred million people.

"Goodwill and co-operation among them could contribute largely to the peace and happiness of the Commonwealth." "It is the desire of Pakistan to co-operate freely with the other members of the Commonwealth and to have closer co-operation with its members," he said.

A deep impression was left in British political quarters by the statement of South Africa's Minister of Mines and Economic Affairs, Mr. Eric Louw, who expressed the personal regrets of Dr. Daniel Malan not being present owing to pre-occupation with domestic problems of the new Government. Mr. Louw told the Conference that South Africa was glad to participate and looked forward to mutual discussion and settlement of matters of common concern between the Union and the other nations of the Commonwealth.

Common Interests

He regarded as one of these common interests the European and international situation, including Western Union.

The Prime Minister of Ceylon, Mr. D. S. Senanayake, expressed his hope that each of the Commonwealth countries would think not of itself alone, but rather of their partnership and association of nations.

He thought that it would be a great advantage if the Prime Ministers of the Commonwealth countries would pay each other more frequent visits.

Dr. Herbert Ewart, Australia's Minister for External Affairs, representing Mr. Joseph B. Chifley, the Australian Premier, expressed confidence that the outcome of the conference would be an even closer and more marked degree of understanding between the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth and would make a contribution of value not only to the Commonwealth itself but to the nations of the world.

Mr. Peter Fraser, Prime Minister of New Zealand, said the Commonwealth nations had important problems and he hoped the conference discussion would advance their solution and, in so doing, would knit more closely the members of the Commonwealth.

Some Readjustment

He regretted the illness of Mr. MacKenzie King, of Canada, who is being represented meantime by the High Commissioner,



"Of course, you boys would find the discipline much stricter next time!"

review of the international situation from the United Kingdom viewpoint.

This subject, which is linked with questions of defence, will be debated by the delegates at a later stage in the conference.

High status for Dominion officials representatives in London and British representatives in the Dominions is likely to result from the conference. Australia and New Zealand strongly hold the view that the title of High Commissioner should be changed and that their status should be more in line with that of the official representatives of foreign powers.

The impression is given that the other Dominions and Britain are likely to fall into line with the Australian and New Zealand views. The subject is likely to be brought up before a plenary session of the conference with the hope that a unanimous decision will be made.

Mr. Bevin is expected to consult the Commonwealth representatives on the mediation proposals for the Berlin crisis worked out last week in Paris by the six "neutral" members of the United Nations Security Council.

The time table was believed to have been rearranged to postpone the discussion of some items of international affairs until the Canadian Minister arrives to take over Mr. MacKenzie King's place.

Absolute Nonsense

Conference quarters here described as absolute nonsense reports reaching London suggesting that a master plan for mass migration from Britain to the Dominions and the colonies will be the main subject for the conference.

Britain's shortage of manpower for her production drive, plus her increase defence requirements have already been recognised as ruling out the possibility of large-scale migration from the United Kingdom at present or in the near future.

Migration will almost certainly be discussed in general terms at some point, but it would obviously have to be in the light of Britain's present urgent need of labour.

The conference is provisionally timed to end on October 25, though this is subject to alteration.

The Chiefs of Staff of the United Kingdom Armed Forces were present at today's conference meeting with the exception of Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, the retiring Chief of the Imperial General Staff. He was attending his first meeting of the new Western Union Permanent Defence Council—of which he is Chairman. His place at Downing Street was taken by the Vice-Chief of Staff, Lieutenant General G.W.R. Templer.—Reuter.

Exhaustive Review

Tomorrow's plenary session will be inaugurated by Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, who will give an exhaustive

Hopes For Berlin Solution Dwindle

Paris, October 11.

Hopes of an early solution to the Berlin problem dwindled today when it became known that the attitude of the Western Powers had hardened. The Western representatives' meeting at the French Foreign Office yesterday were understood to have agreed that:

- (1) The Berlin "blockade" constitutes a threat to peace and the Security Council should say so clearly, and
- (2) The lifting of the "blockade" should not be made conditional on the convening of a new meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

There was no sign that the Security Council would be called within the next 24 hours to reopen its Berlin debate.

The United Nations Political Committee today resumed discussion for a one-third cut in the "Big Five" armaments.

Britain called on the Soviet Union to endorse the Western majority of the U.N. Commission of conventional armaments.

The resolution, which was tabled before the Committee in opposition to the Soviet resolution calling for a one-third cut in the armaments of the Big Five Powers and the destruction of atomic weapons, stated:

"The General Assembly considers that it is of urgent importance that the peoples of the world should be relieved of the burden of competitive armaments and the sense of insecurity which such armaments generate."

Terms Of Reference

It recalls that the Assembly has urged the expeditious fulfilment of the terms of reference of the Atomic Energy Commission, but that the minority in that Commission have, hitherto, refused to accept the proposals approved by the majority as the basis for action.

It notes that the large majority of the Commission for Conventional Armaments set up by the Security Council have agreed upon the general principles upon which a system of regulation and reduction of armaments should be based, but that the refusal of the minority to negotiate on the basis of the majority view jeopardises any further activities of the Commission.

It notes also that after more than two years' study of the problem of placing at the Security Council's disposal the armed forces mentioned in Article 43 of the Charter, agreement has not been reached between the representatives of China, France, the United Kingdom and the United States, on the one hand, and the representatives of the Soviet Union on the other, concerning many of the general principles governing the provision of such forces or concerning the programme of the future work of the military staff committee.

The resolution considers further that certain members of the United Nations by refusing to accommodate themselves to the views of the majority and to co-operate, or indeed to participate fully, in the work of the organisation in the political field have compromised the success of this work and thus contributed further to the present world wide sense of insecurity.

"It recognises the gravity of this situation and the importance of bringing about that increase in international confidence, which is an essential prerequisite for an agreement on disarmament and security problems."

"It endorses the general principles considered by the majority of the Commission for conventional armaments and reduction of armaments and armed forces. In particular the principle that such regulation and reduction can only be put into effect in an atmosphere of international confidence and security, and the principle that any system of disarmament must include an adequate system of safeguards."

The British resolution concludes by urging all nations, and particularly those constituting the minority in the Commission for conventional armaments, to co-operate to the utmost of their power in the attainment of the objectives mentioned.

The Canadian delegate, Mr. Lionel Chevrier expressed his country's strong support for the British resolution and described the Soviet proposals as "essentially meaningless."

"Why should we be asked to pool our security with a nation which will not, and is determined not to reveal to the world what it is doing?" he asked.

Dr. Constantin Tsaldaris, Greek Foreign Minister, told the Committee that he could not trust any book scheme for partial disarmament any more than he had faith in the other substanceless proposals, which amounted to a mere shelving of the disarmament problem.

Universal Conscience

Dr. Tsaldaris said that he would like to have seen a system of international arbitration "which would allow threatened people to mobilise the universal conscience for their own defence."

"What about the new weapon?" he asked the Committee. "The secret army from beyond the borders, devised in a neighbour's country to upset the peace of small nations—are they to disarm, too?"

The French delegate, M. Alexandre Parodi, also rejected the Soviet proposal as "oversimplified and unrealistic."

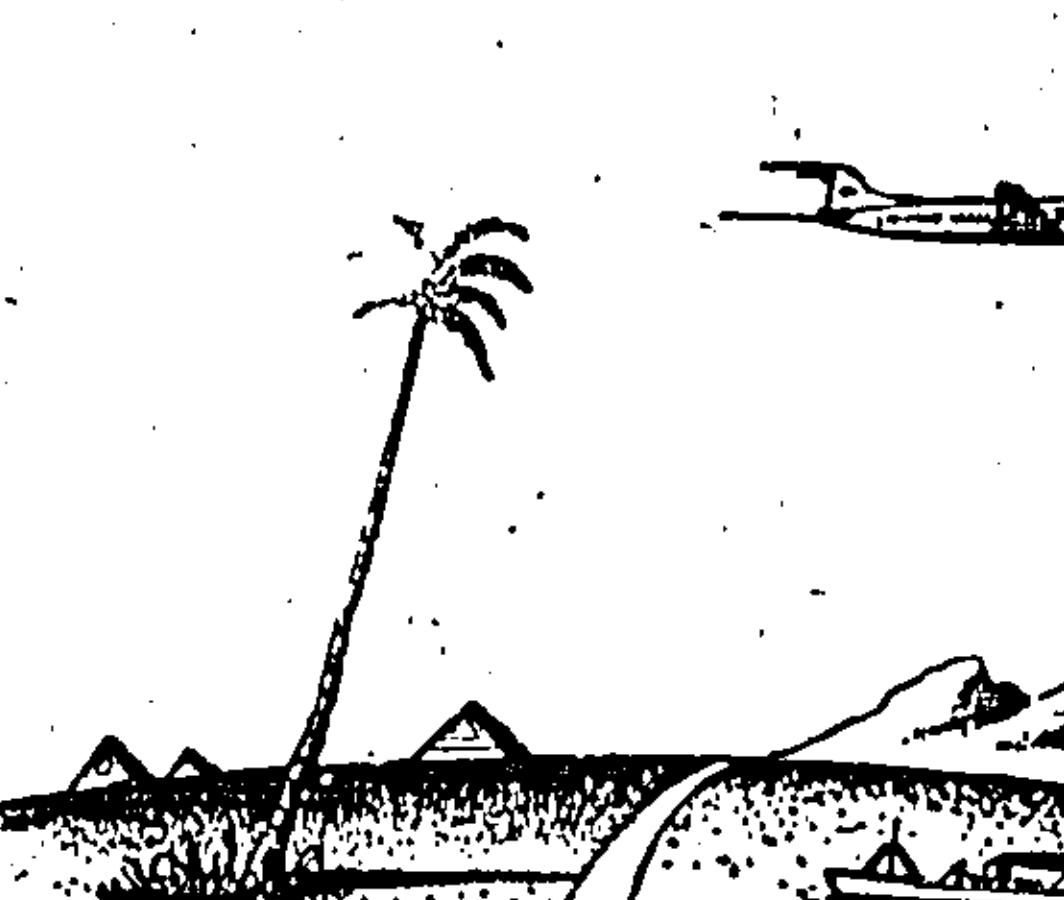
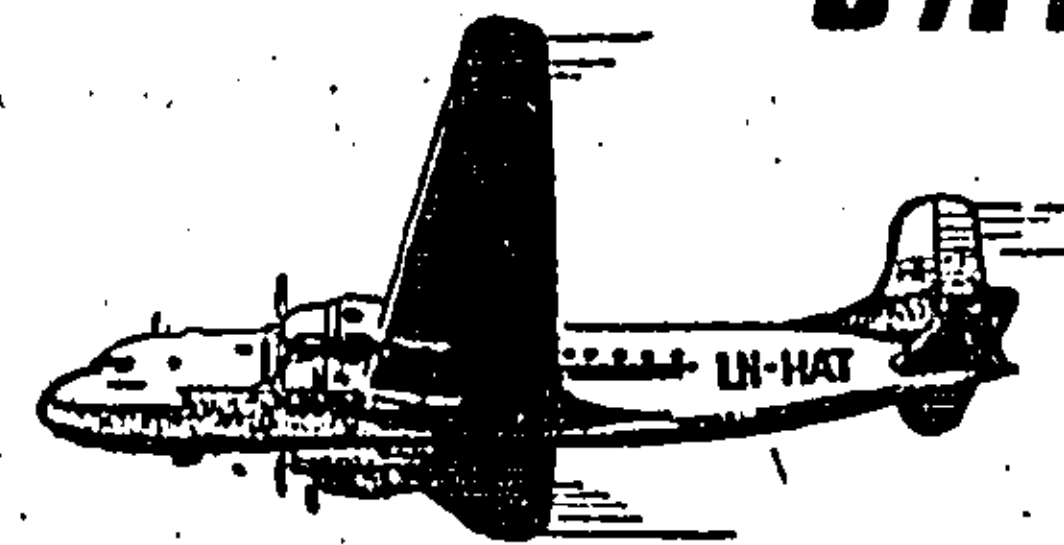
He passionately appealed to the Soviet Union and the "associated countries" to show a spirit of co-operation in the work of the United Nations.

"No work is possible in this organisation unless everybody makes an effort to understand others, to accept at least a part of the others' viewpoints," he said.

M. Parodi added with intensity: "If the Soviet Union wants disarmament, really craves for disarmament, then let the representatives of the Soviet Union give us one little sign, one little glimpse, one little proof that the Soviet Union wants international co-operation. Give us a chance to take some step forward towards international co-operation."

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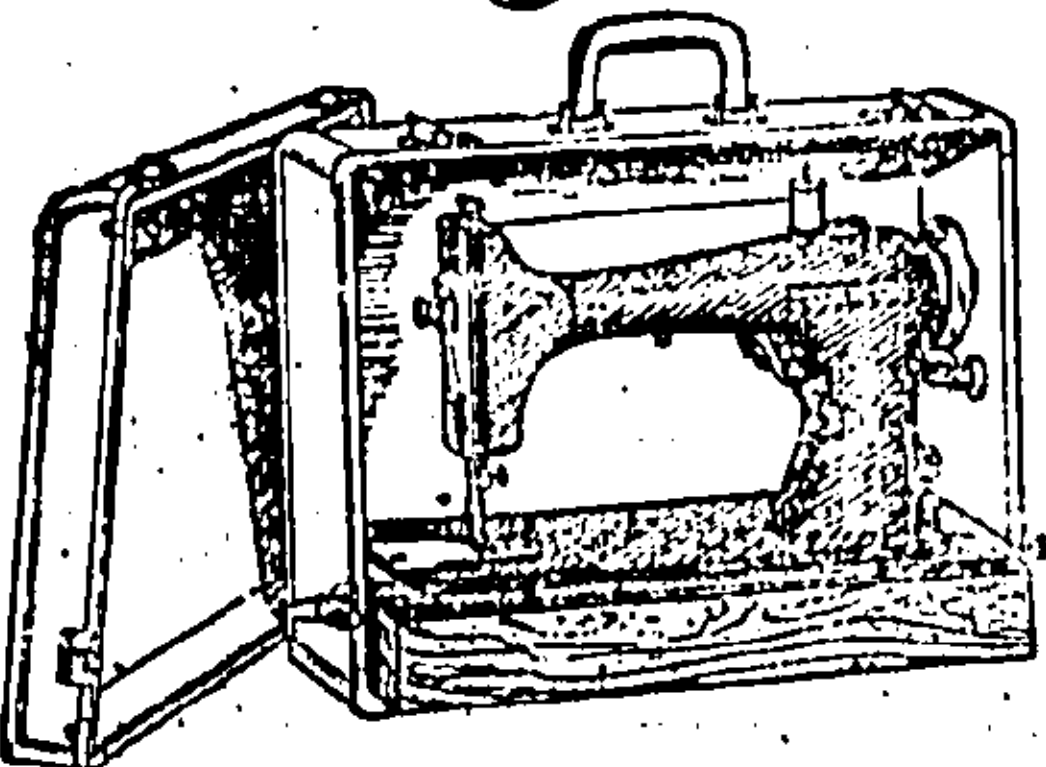
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Woman Today

AUTUMN CLOTHS AND COLOURS

By JANET MARTIN

Beauty of fabric is the keynote of fashion for the autumn. The new, clean simplicity of line apparent in the first collections are designed to display rich fabrics, subtle shades and gleaming surfaces at their luxurious best.

The bright cottons and gay prints of summer give way to the lovely new woollens in softly blended tones, the crisp muslins and organdies to rich brocades, rustling taffetas and pearly satins.

Colours take on a muted tone; soft greys, muted from smoke and heather tints to lavender and opal blue, deep shades, near to black, such as blue-berry, smoke brown and the deepest "drake neck" green. Colours for contrasts are gently mellowed; light rust, verging to toast beige, turquoise, pale jade, pale yellow, dusky rose pinks and delicate mist blues.

Tweeds and worsteds lead the field in autumn woollens, for tailored frocks, coat dresses, suits and coats. Overchecks, with a mingling of many astringent shades are a popular choice for tweed frock or light suit. Choose mushroom with a threaded cheek of jade; smoke-grey worsted with an overcheck of prussian blue or a pepper-and-salt mixture with a hint of clear yellow. Browns are hushed to subtle tones and accented with clearer tints of blue, orange and green while blues are blended down to grey.

New Textures

Plain coloured woollens come in new textures with boucle finish or woven-in cloaks and stripes. These are favoured in the new-to-black tones, but the deep mid-night blue called blueberry and the dark, rich wine of the hillberry. These colours are best without contrast, accented only by a jewelled pin or a smart gilt clip.

Tweed coatings in line rib or basket weave are dived in useful tones of taupe, oyster, stone and mushroom as well as in the richer shades.

Out here, where the coat season is so short, these shades which are happy with almost every colour should be popular. For what most of us require is one all-round winter coat which can be slipped on over anything. One such model, in grey wool, has raglan sleeves cut in one with the top, bodice and skirt gathered into an inset belt and wide round collar matching huge turn back cuffs.

Late-day Ensembles

Silks for afternoon and late-day ensembles vary from a soft and gleaming richness which flows through the fibres to a rustling stiffness reminiscent of the days when a really good silk would "stand by itself." An after-five suit in slipper satin, tulle or silk brocade is a "must" for the smart woman, besides being one of the most useful items in the winter wardrobe. Black is the favourite colour, followed by deep blue, wine and brown in quite plain silks, or silks with cunningly woven-in stripes, spots or motifs.

There are too, unusual colour combinations in the deep toned theme, for formal dresses. One particularly striking ensemble features a frock in brown-and-black striped taffeta, worn with a little black velvet jacket. Another tops a full black taffeta skirt with a deep bottle green, satin jacket; faintly striped with silver. For afternoon silks, there are full crepes with satin spots woven in, rayon silks with satin stripes and heavy silk jerseys for draped styles. Tweeds, worsteds and suitings go everywhere, but silks and satins emerge after five only. A clean-cut changeover which will give an added variation to the many facets of femininity.

Bookseller Ord Blackstone boasted to the boys the other day that he could read women like a book. "Next thing," granted old Pop Walker, "is to watch out you don't forget your place."

The old-fashioned and courtly critic Carlton Usher was deeply written by the glamorous blonde he met at a gala first night. "May I kiss your hand, my dear," he said as they parted. "Sir," she said, "I think it would be distinctly out of place."



An elegant dress by Rima, with cunningly tucked bodice and single shoulder strap.



A Frederick Starke dress in grey velvet with bustle effect.

THE WAY WOMEN FEEL ABOUT MEN

1. He must be well-mannered. Women hate the type who yells at waiters and struts his ego in public. Goodness and showing off are definitely out.
2. He must have a good sense of humour, plus a generous dash of intelligence.
3. He should know that the ladies like the little social graces. That means he should help them in and out of the car, he should order for them when dining out—that is, after discussing with them the choice of dishes.
4. He should be a good dancer, although an evening at the movies would be quite enjoyable.
5. He must be unaffected and preferably a good conversationalist.
6. He need not be particularly good-looking. It's the personality that counts.
7. These are the "musts." As an additional hint women simply dislike men who are too loud, admire them if they are fond of music and enjoy the company of a man who loves long walks.

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Ann Temple A Quick Temper

I have a quick temper which almost compels me to smash something or hit somebody. I have the greatest difficulty in controlling myself. Within a few minutes I am unhappy and contrite.

In my childhood my mother used to laugh at my childish paddy and hold a mirror before me, saying: "Now see how ugly you look." It didn't cure me. Is there anything I can do?

MARY

The best remedy is to win time. You want to lash out with your hands because your mind hasn't time to function.

Think of self-control not as difficult but as pleasant. There's a deplorable tendency about these days to regard virtues as hard and joy-killing. What they really give us is a grand sense of personal freedom and light-heartedness.

Get that slant on control and you'll find it easier to come by. As a practical measure try the old remedy of counting ten slowly. It's good. Another way is to forestall. Make a list at the end of each day of the annoyances that set you off.

Notice the what, where, and why of all your weak spots, your susceptibilities. Get to know the situation, the set-up that causes the signals in you and outside you.

Put yourself in the way of being able to say: "Look out—here it comes, steady does it." And "steady" does do it nine times out of ten.

CLEAR-CUT LOOK

By EDNA McKENNA

Line is returning to British clothes for autumn, and they are already showing a revival of good taste, as opposed to fuss. A clear-cut look is challenging unnecessary detail.

Designers who went all out for exaggeration a short time ago have returned to sanity and a sense of the aesthetic. They are producing clothes that an artist's fingers would itch to depict on canvas.

There's a drift towards a gentle sophistication, a beguiling femininity, a pretty neatness that belongs with the little hat, the short haircut, the fur stole, and the emphasis on colours like taupe, or beige, or cream. We are in the tendency towards the romantic Empire line with its raised waist, in the dramatically simple Princess line, the captivatingly graceful spiral and the windswept movement that sends skirts flying out swallow-wise behind.

Cloaks Are Here

Cloaks are appearing, brilliant and gay, coats full dragged down by immense fullness from the shoulders, or are wrapped over in manner reminiscent of the twenties. They have important collars, immense cuffs. Dresses for day are practical.

Fashion-conscious women are pulling necklaces that wind three or four times round the neck before cascading to near waist length. Victorian-style pumps peep coyly from beneath the hems of bouffant evening dress, pastel shawls with dinner or dance frocks give that coveted wrapped-up-like-Dresden-china appearance that today's ladylike woman wishes to achieve.

FROM ONE THING TO ANOTHER

Height of heel. A high-heeled shoe, the heel varying from 2 inches to 3 inches, is the correct height for the longer hemline.

Correct length for a day skirt. The skirt length varies with the time of day, the proportions of the costume, and the proportions of the wearer. For day, the hem length should fall somewhere between 13 inches and 12 inches from the ground. For the cocktail hour, the length can be about 2 inches to 3 inches from the ground.

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STRIKERS IN FRANCE REMAIN ADAMANT

Paris, October 11.

Half a million miners and other workers on strike in France remained adamant today, awaiting the vote of the railwaymen, who were to decide whether or not to join their ranks. Some railway workers were already out.

The General Confederation of Labour, the chief organisers of the strike, at their annual Congress here today, heard no hint from their Communist secretary, M. Benoit Frachon, of any settlement except on the workers' terms. He said a national general strike was not contemplated at present.

Political observers, however, concluded from his speech that the Communists intended to continue the pressure by all means available for the overthrow of the Government—except if this were not to lead to a Government with Communist participation.

An intensification of the struggle between the Communists and the Government was foreboded.

M. Frachon's two and a half hours speech was mostly devoted to attacks on "American imperialism" and the Marshall Plan.

He urged a new Government, including the Communists, which would reverse the present foreign policy of alignment with America and the Western Union.

M. Frachon said that in 1938 the capitalists got 29 per cent of the national income while in 1948 they got 42.5 per cent. Salaries on the other hand, he said, only took 28 per cent today as against 45 per cent in 1938.

Prices had nearly trebled between August, 1948, and October 1, 1949, while wages had less than doubled.

Further increases in prices would take place shortly.

Bloc Of Aggression
Attacking the Western Union five-power military agreement, he said: "They intend to include France in a bloc of aggression and the French Government is consequently being forced to have a military budget of 450 milliard francs."

"They want France to be the bridgehead of American expansionism against Soviet Russia," he said. "It is the only way to ensure the French working class will never agree to serve these American objectives."

He held out no hope of a settlement of the present strike movement except on the Confederation's own terms.

This speech came within 24

hours of a categorical statement of the Minister of the Interior, M. Jules Moch, that Moscow has ordered the French Communist Party "to sabotage Marshall aid by all means" and that the General Confederation of Labour had consequently instructed its members "to begin operations in September."

The impression made by M. Frachon's speech in French political circles was that the Communists would not yield on the strike issue.

M. Victorien Duquet, Communist Secretary General of the French Miners Federation, told the Congress that if the Soviet disarmament proposals were accepted, France could do without Marshall aid.

Mark Of Homage
M. Duquet, who was asked to open the Congress, which began here at the strike movement in France entered its second week, "as a mark of homage for the struggle being conducted by the striking miners," described the Marshall Plan representatives in Europe as warmongers.

In his annual report, M. Frachon defined the CGT's aims as: "To fight against rising prices. To fight for higher wages. To secure a minimum wage of 15,000 francs (£20) a month. To fight against the Marshall Plan."

M. Frachon, who is regarded as one of the most powerful men in the French Communist Party, told the 2,500 delegates at the Congress that "the French Government is a government of the trusts, obeying the orders of the American capitalists."

"It has sold French sovereignty for a mess of Marshall potage. France must be liberated from its Marshall policy which is leading it down the road to decadence and economic ruin."

M. Frachon also attacked General Charles de Gaulle, whom he described as a Fascist. He asserted "the determination of the

CGT to form an insurmountable barrier to Fascism."

M. Frachon also singled out for attack the European representative of the American Federation of Labour, Mr. Irving Brown.

Large Stock
"Mr. Irving Brown," he said, "came to Europe a couple of years ago with a large stock of dollars. He is an agent of the policy of the State Department."

The French film producer, M. Louis D'Aquin, also criticised the "imperialist policy" of America and protested against the American film "Invasion" in France.

Meanwhile, negotiations were due to take place today between M. Daniel Mayer, the Minister of Labour, and the leaders of the CGT to discuss the strike situation.

Railwaymen continued to vote throughout the nation today on the strike action which is already sporadic on the French railways. Train services were reported to be running normally.

The Minister of Transport, M. Christian Pineau, was receiving throughout the day delegations of the railwaymen's union. M. Mayer was to interview delegates of workers and employers of the Lorraine metallurgical industry.

More Patrol
The strike of the Paris taxi drivers who are seeking a larger petrol allocation continued today.

The drivers are awaiting the reply of the Ministry of Commerce, which is at present reviewing the gasoline allocation.

About 60 per cent of the textile workers in the Aube Department,

Windsors Back At The Ritz

Paris, October 12.
The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are back at their old address, the Ritz Hotel, Paris.

They plan to spend about three weeks in Paris during which time they will probably go to London for about two days, a spokesman said.

The couple motored here from their villa at Cap d'Antibes.

There has been speculation in some quarters that the Duke would make an effort to be in London at the time of the birth of the Royal baby.—Associated Press.

Northern France, were on strike today.

Dockers at Algerian ports were to return to work today, and work at the Marseilles docks was resumed yesterday.

Cherbourg dock workers, including baggage porters, decided tonight to strike for 24 hours tomorrow, instead of joining the nation wide dockers' strike on Wednesday, because they would otherwise lose the tips and overtime payment when the Queen Elizabeth and the Mauretania arrive.

The Queen Elizabeth is due to dock at Cherbourg on Wednesday morning, with 500 passengers for Paris. The Mauretania is expected early that afternoon, with 110 passengers for the French capital.

The coalminers' strike in the northern coalfields continued without incidents. The Minister of Industry, M. Robert La Coste, estimated this strike has already cost France the loss of 700,000 tons of coal, or 40 days' worth of gas and electricity.—Reuter.

"Narrow Escape," Says Vandenberg

New York, October 11.

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, the Republican Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has described President Truman's abandoned plan to send Chief Justice Vinson to Moscow as a narrow escape.

Speaking here last night, the Senator left his prepared text to state: "Now that we have gone to the United Nations we must intelligently avoid any unilateral independent action on our own account lest we confuse our friendly associates, cramp the Security Council and encourage our opponents to think that our appeal to the United Nations is either timid or insincere."

"I must say that we have just had a narrow escape upon this score at Washington."

Again departing from his prepared text, Senator Vandenberg said that after the complete Soviet reversal in the Berlin Control Council further direct discussion became a transparent fatality in the presence of this tricky, provocative and insidious Soviet run-around.

"We didn't resort to force as might over-easily have been our recourse in other days."

"We have resorted to organised reason and the concourse of human kind in the United Nations forum. The Soviets cannot ignore this forum."

Unfavourable Comment
New York newspapers today devoted considerable space to comment—mostly unfavourable—on President Truman's Vinson plan.

The Republican Herald-Tribune said: "To deal in so amateurish and melodramatic a fashion with the problem of controlling the atomic bomb... would reduce the man who undertook such a mission and the man who sent him to equal absurdity."

The New York Times said: "This proposal was a major blunder... it might well have wrecked the solidarity of the Western Powers, undermined the western case before the Security Council, and in by-passing the United Nations in a case already pending before it, would have been a slap at its authority."

The New York Daily Mirror said: "It is little trifling to know he had carried it so far—and in secrecy."

The New York Star: "It may not have been a bad idea. No honest man can say, on the basis of the partial and weighted information."—Reuter.

Ikkes Will Support Truman

Washington, October 11.

Mr. Harold Ikkes, the former Secretary of the Interior and long-time member of the Roosevelt administration, who resigned angrily from the Truman cabinet over two years ago, today announced his formal support of President Truman in next month's presidential contest.

Insisting that he was not withdrawing any criticism he had formerly made of Mr. Truman, he never the less praised him as being "straightforward and sincere" at times more unpredictable than I would wish.

In characteristic language he dubbed the Republican candidate, "Thomas E. (for elusive) Dewey" and declared that he had failed to commit himself on any of the major domestic issues confronting the nation.—Reuter.

Britain Blames Soviet Intransigence For Berlin Control Failure

London, October 11.

Britain today blamed Soviet intransigence for the breakdown of four-power control in Germany and the Berlin crisis.

In a 67-page, 35,000-word White Paper issued by the Foreign Office, the British Government declared: "The present situation in Berlin is the result of the failure of the four powers, owing to Soviet intransigence, to agree to a common policy for Germany."

The White Paper said that the Russians' attitude had been shown "in breaches by the Soviet Government of the political and economic principles laid down at Potsdam."

The Soviet Government has withdrawn its representatives from the Allied Control Council for Germany in Berlin and from the Berlin City Commandatura. It was unilaterally declared that the Governments of the United Kingdom, the United States and France have forfeited their right to be in Berlin or to take part in the four-power occupation and administration of the city."

"The culmination of the Soviet attitude of obstruction and intransigence has been the blockade of Berlin," the White Paper said. "This has not only endangered the maintenance of the forces of occupation of the United Kingdom, the United States and France in Berlin, but has also jeopardised the discharge by these Governments of their duties as occupying authorities through the threat of starvation, disease and economic ruin for the population of Berlin."

"It is in these circumstances that the Western powers have been forced to establish the airlift to supply food and fuel to the Western sectors."

No Intention
The result of the Moscow-Berlin discussions of August and September, the White Paper said, "has been to make it clear that the Soviet Government has no intention of reaching an agreement save on its own terms, the acceptance of which would have Western Europe."—Reuter.

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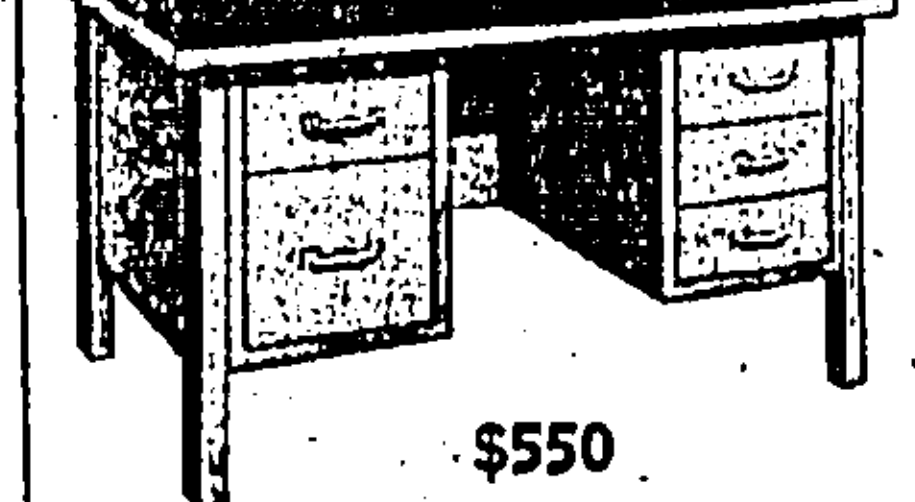
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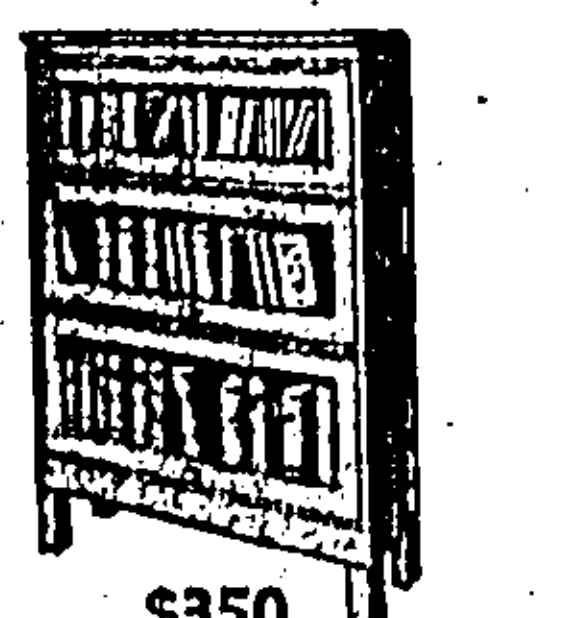
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Paris, October 11.

The deadlock which paralysed the United Nations Atomic Energy Commission after 30 months' work tonight threatened the 11-nation subcommittee charged with finding a compromise solution.

After a whole day spent in trying to reach an acceptable resolution, Sir Benegal Narsinga Rau, silvery-haired chairman of the committee, announced that he would adjourn the discussion until tomorrow to decide the order in which the various motions should be put.

This followed a complaint by Mr. Yaros Malik (Russia) that the United States and Britain were stubbornly maintaining their old positions.

Mr. Richard Miles (Britain) said that the Soviet representative had criticised all the resolutions except the Soviet one.

Describing this statement as provocative, Mr. Malik said that he could not accept India's latest resolution—calling on the Commission to resume work and prepare a draft treaty or convention—because of the unyielding attitude of the United States and Britain in refusing simultaneous conventions on control of atomic energy and the prohibition of atomic weapons.

The British and Soviet delegates, who sit next to each other, then began an earnest conversation. Then suddenly, the chairman called for an adjournment to think things over.

Earlier in the day, Sir Benegal Rau (India) pleaded with the United States, Britain and Russia to reach an agreement on the control of atomic energy.

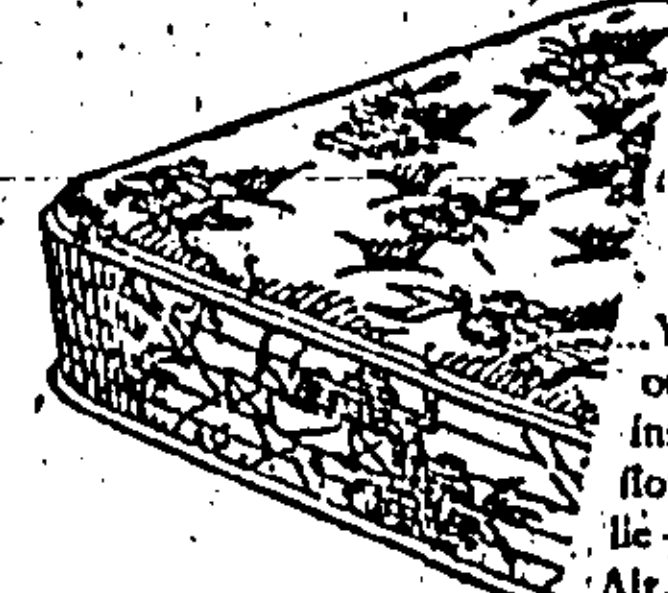
Harassed By Anxiety
"Think of the psychological effect on a world harassed by anxiety," he said. "If we could say that the deadlock has been broken, India would certainly have a sigh of relief."

There was infinite compassion in the voice of the silvery-haired Indian delegate as he turned towards the representatives of the three great powers sitting together in a small committee room at the Palais de Chaillot and asked for an immediate resumption of the suspended Commission on Atomic Energy.

Amending his resolution of last week, Sir Benegal Rau optimistically said that the deadlock had been broken, and that the relations between the great powers.

His amendment called upon the Commission to resume its work, study all matters within its term

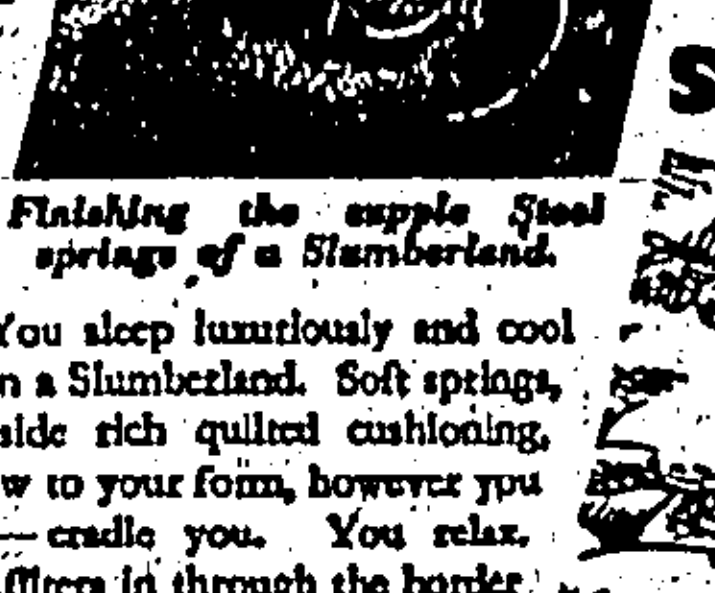
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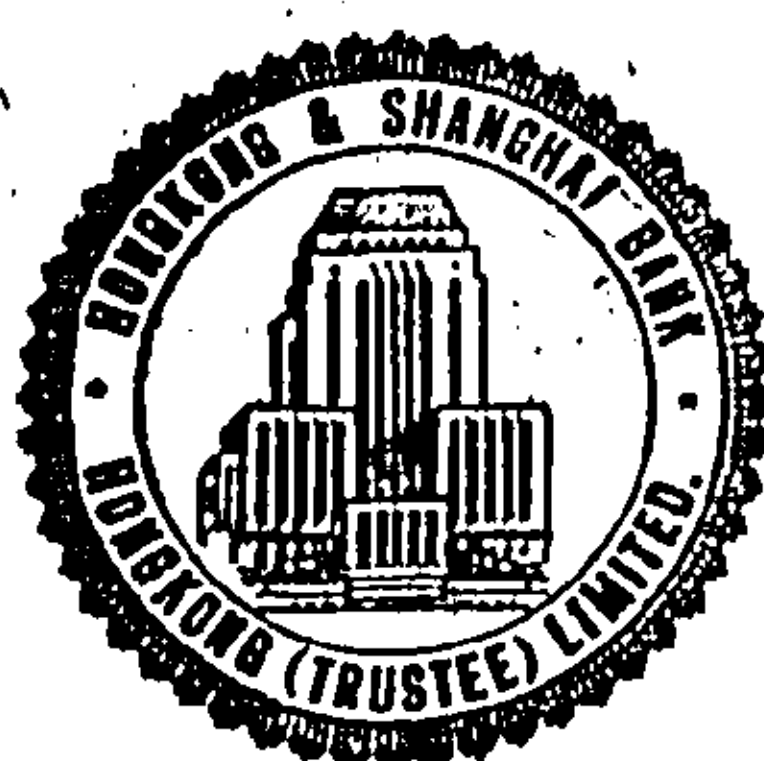
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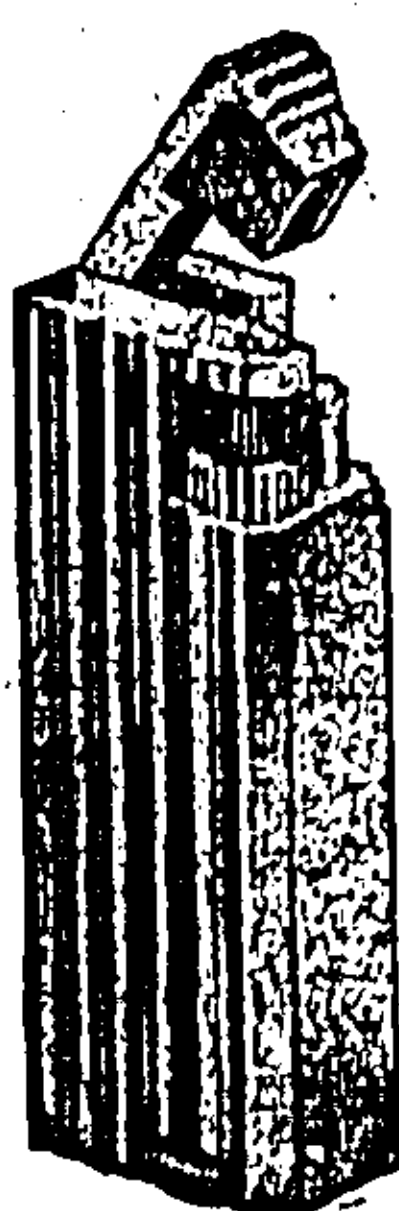
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TEEN AGE TOPICS

Poise And Posture

Without these no girl can be beautiful, and with them, no girl can be attractive. For good posture, keep your shoulders well held your head high—as if you are proud to be alive (don't stick your chin out) and walk with an easy swing from the hips. An attractive manner, once told me that when she was modelling gowns she always imagined she was Rebecca going to the well with an urn for water on her head. Try your imagination on this and acquire correct posture.

Poise is a kind of savoir-faire and assurance which is acquired by contact with charming people—usually older than we teenagers. It can be taught at Finishing Schools, but how many of us have the opportunity of entering one of these select institutions? So we must take note of our elders, who have experience at the back of them, what to do and what not to do at the right moment.

So many of us teenagers are inclined to be gauche and rather self-conscious, which gives us an inferiority complex when being confronted or introduced to a collection of people, or when we go to hotels, or even at parties. It would be so much more comfortable all round if, immediately we were introduced to these mingled and chatted happily, instead of we girls practically regretting ourselves on one side of the room leaving the males on the other side. Poor hostess—she often thinks to herself—because of our self-consciousness—how can I make the party "go" and get the boys and girls to talk naturally to one another? Fortunately, usually, after a strained half hour, the hostess hits on a game or dance to get time milder. Instead of floating myself with your female friends. Remember, the males are every bit as shy as you—and they want bite!

Valerie Beeching was born at Southsea, England, on July 10, 1930. Only a month later she left Southsea and travelled in several countries as her father, was a commercial traveller.

Valerie has been to seven different schools, the last one being Queen Anne's Girl School where she enrolled at the age of 11 and remained there until she was 17 when she matriculated.

On October 31, 1947, Valerie arrived at Hongkong and the following January, she entered the Hong Kong University where she is undergoing a course in Arts.



VALERIE

"I don't think I have any particular ambitions other than to learn as much as I possibly can. I believe that the in-born ambition of every girl is to be married some day and have a home. That I say is the aim of my life."

"As a temporary career I would choose Journalism as I am very fond of literary work. But if I had been a boy, I would have gone to sea."

Her most enjoyable pastime is the stage. "I took part in a good deal of acting when I was in school. I do not think that I have the required talent to make a career of the stage, otherwise I would, even more so than Journalism."

Valerie was in the Hong Kong University's production of Bernard Shaw's "Arms and the Man", presented last season. She will be in the Stage Club's production of Noel Coward's "Blithe Spirit" which opens tomorrow.

Books on farming, travel and

PERSONALITY

the sea make up most of her reading. Valerie is also very keen in history, the reign of Queen Elizabeth being her favourite period. "Those were England's most adventurous and exciting years", she said.

Valerie is a strong advocate of women taking part in the running of the world community. "If given the chance, we can be as successful as the men have been."

She has a confident outlook of the world, "although at the moment there seem to be great distrusts, which I believe is the reason why the nations cannot yet be at rest."

"I think that Britain has long passed the stage of fighting wars for gains and I believe that the British Commonwealth of Nations today, is the greatest institution for peace."

Editorial

Many of you have come forward with the idea that the Topics should have a cartoon corner, yet when the subject was given publicity two weeks ago, the response was poor.

We are reproducing the same block on "picking your own cartoon characters" as that published last week, and I hope that your votes will come in soon, so that we can begin right away with our first cartoon.

Once you have decided your choice of faces and names, you will be invited to contribute drawings on amusing situations based on the two figures voted. If you are not keen on the actual drawing, you may send in ideas that can be used in the cartoon.

CONTEST

Last week's prize winners were NOLA c/o the "China Mail", and Denis Ablong, Homuntin Street, Kowloon.

The contest this week will again be on contributions. These must reach the Topics not later than Saturday morning.

Telephone Technique

How many of us can truthfully say that we use the telephone correctly? Not many I'm sure.

We have all suffered, some time or other, the annoying experience of speaking on the phone to someone who seems to be striving unconsciously, to death us. After such a conversation we usually hang up with an exclamation of disgust at the undue and unnecessary exertion on the part of the other chap, but do we ever stop to think that we may be just as guilty?

Mumbling and speaking rapidly is also unpardonable. An important message given over the telephone should be delivered slowly and distinctly, and repeated if necessary. Speak as though the person to whom you are talking is right beside you, then there will be no need for you to raise your voice.

Impressions are made more by the way you speak than by your manner of dress or personal attractiveness. Learn to cultivate a voice with a smile. It makes conversation so much more pleasing for listener and speaker alike. Try speaking with a frown on your face and you will find that your voice reflects it; so remember—Smile and your voice smiles with you.

Ring r-r-ring. There goes the phone. Now let's HEAR you smile!

NOLA.

Teen Talk

I am a regular reader of you Teen Age page and I think it is very good indeed.

My only complaint is that too little space is given to it. Couldn't the "China Mail" allow us on whole page? Surely they could afford that!

(The Topics page is still in its infancy—Ed.)

Choose Your Own Cartoon

The two figures shown here will shortly be the subject of a weekly cartoon in "Teen Age Topics". But it will be you who will decide on which face is most suitable for both the boy and the girl, their names—and, we hope, it will be you who will draw most of the cartoons.

Make your choice from the heads and the names given below. Those with most votes will become our permanent characters, and we will welcome both suggestions and actual cartoons showing them in amusing situations.

NAMES: Maria, Mona, Cynthia, Jane, Wendy, Peggy, Tommy, Alec, Mike, Bert, Curly, Sausage.

HEADS: Pick your two from A, B, C, D, E, F.



Tit Bits

Alan Tex, former skipper of the Diocesan Boys' School cricket XI, is now in a Technical College in England. He misses his pals in Hong Kong, particularly a certain charming somebody. Also a pal?

Many teenagers find their Friday evenings enjoyable at the European YMCA reel club session under the expert supervision of Mrs. Hart-Baker.

Malcolm Clemo the football hero, is always gay at these sessions but seem confused between a girl and a merry-go-round!

From Loyola University, Los Angeles, comes word from Bertie Remedios—his English accent completely gone now, poor fellow—that it is as much work as fun in the American University.

Bertie is doing a four-year course in Dental Surgery. He might be going to Washington for his finals, and hopes to come home on long vacation next year, before returning to the last two years of his studies.

Another mid-teenger is Pippa Portallion whose seventeenth birthday was ushered out to the sound of bagpipes. The startling walls of the pipes and the "Och-aye" of the lads and lassies stirred up the echoes of beautiful Repulse Bay. The last guests "jeeped" away at 1 a.m.

Platter Chatter

Four months ago I heard that handsome ham, Tony Marlin, sing Nature Boy at the London Palladium. The publicity attendant upon the King Cole disc of the same tune is worthy of Hollywood. My cumulative impression is that the music trade has rarely, if ever spent so much time and money, putting-skin on baloney.

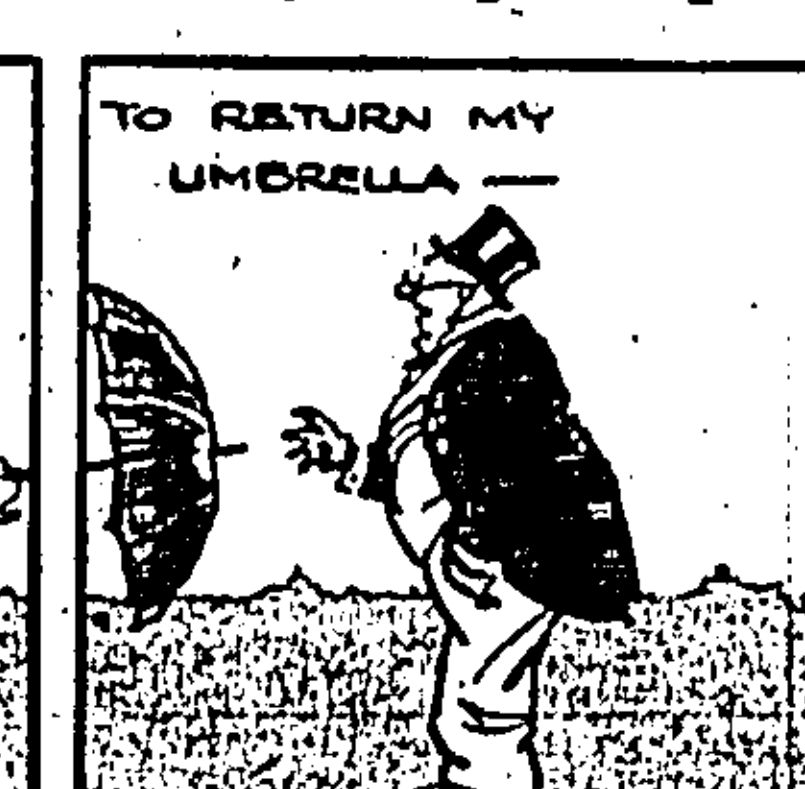
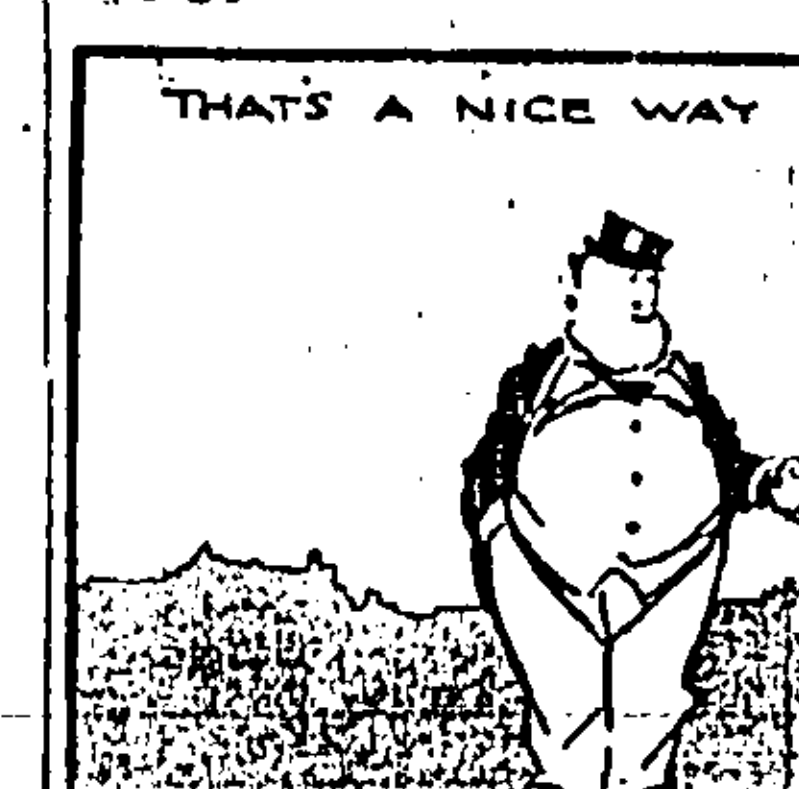
This week's good news comes from H.M.V. and there is something for every taste from novelty to be-bop. Those who like it sweet should rush to get the reissue of Tommy Dorsey's Black Eyes and Blue Danube. Dorsey's smooth trombone is much in evidence and there are some tasty clarinet passages by, I think, Johnny Mince. Tex Beneko does a good job on An Old Sombra and Sunrise Serenade although the latter falls short of his late mentor's original. Also adopting the Glenn Miller technique for the lovely Teresa, Joe Loss is better than usual but Laroo Laroo Lilli Bolero is feeble.

For hot fans: Louis Armstrong's Sugar; Jack Teagarden's A Jam Session At Victor and Say It Simple. Charlie Barnet's Birmingham Breakdown (a Duke Ellington composition) and "Dead I Do (Mary Ann McCall vocal). Good Dixieland is played by the Louis Armstrong Seven: Where the Blues Were Born in New Orleans and Mahogany Hall Stomp. M-G-M presents a good novelty number by Art Mooney: I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover. If you are not hep to re-bop, Dizzy Gillespie's Anthropology and Ol' Man Rebop will make you feel like his christian name.

At current prices one is disinclined to buy a record for only one side and it is great pity that Parlophone should couple a badly recorded Sweet Chariot with Duke Ellington's excellent The Mooche.

The Wren.

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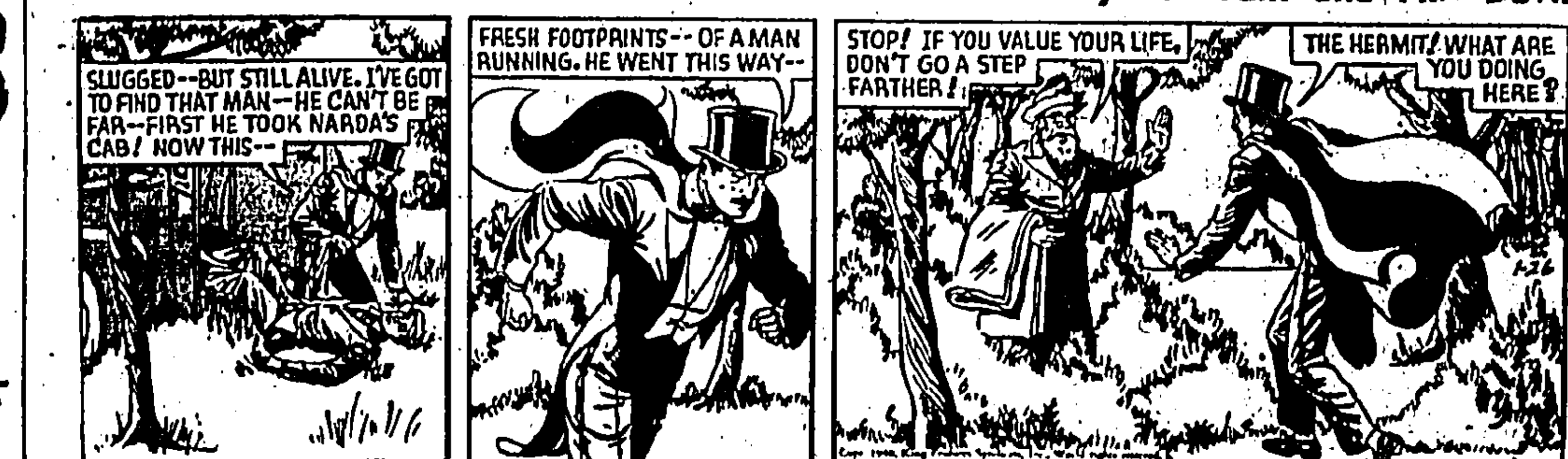


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GRAZIANI ON TRIAL FOR COLLABORATION

Rome, October 11.

Over 500 Italian police and Carabinieri guarded the Palace of Justice here today when Marshal Rodolfo Graziani one of the leading military figures of Mussolini's Italy, went on trial on charges of collaboration with the Germans.

These precautions were taken following a clash between police and members of a Neo-Fascist organisation on the eve of the trial, in which about 30 people were injured.

There was silence in the packed court when Marshal Graziani entered, dressed in a blue civilian suit with an open-necked shirt and a grey felt hat.

Almost immediately after opening the trial Judge Luigi Libbi, who was presiding with a five-man jury selected by ballot from lists prepared by the anti-Fascist parties of the Committee of Liberation, suspended the sitting for an hour because some of the alternative jurors were absent.

The former Italian Chief of Staff, invader of Abyssinia and Egypt, Viceroy to Marshal Badoglio, and Governor General of Libya, Marshal Graziani, became Minister of Defence in Mussolini's Fascist Government formed in Northern Italy after the Italian surrender.

While he held office in Libya, there were 30 executions a day for a year.

In Abyssinia, 6,000 Ethiopians were killed in three days after an attempt had been made on his life.

Postponed

The trial has been postponed five times owing to the Marshal's ill-health. Shouts of "Viva Graziani" and a storm of cheering and applause broke out when the 67-year-old Marshal left the Palace of Justice at the end of the first day of his trial.

The police cleared the crowd, who were waiting for the Marshal and whisked him out by another entrance.

In accordance with Italian legal custom, the trial opened with the defendant's statement, the theme of which was that he was a soldier and had acted in what he considered the best interests of his country.

"I have marched for democracy and Fascism," said Marshal Graziani, "and I would march again tomorrow under a Communist government if I thought the aims were just."

He declared that in 1918 he was a full colonel at the age of 37. "I was one of the most highly-thought of colonels in the Italian Army," he said, "and this was before Fascism came."

War Criminal

The ex-Marshall said the British had always treated him as a prisoner of war but when handed over to the Italians he was treated as a war criminal.

He said he had always maintained a neutral attitude regarding Fascism—neither for nor against—but still stood by the book he wrote in which he declared that Fascism is a good thing for the Italian people. Graziani protested bitterly when the President of the Court suspended the session after he had been speaking for just one hour.

In addressing the court, Graziani sometimes shouted and at other times whispered in a most inaudible tone. Sections of the public in the courtroom occasionally interrupted him with shouts of "You are right." Attempts by the defence counsel to secure a postponement of the trial on the ground that the charges were insufficiently precise were overruled by the President of the court.

Graziani has been under treatment for heart disease and a liver complaint. He was allowed to give his evidence seated.—Reuter.

Newsprint Release Urged

Birmingham, October 11.

A call to the public to bring pressure on the Government to lift the newsprint restrictions was voiced here by Lord Iliffe, Birmingham newspaper owner.

He described the newsprint shortage as the "greatest menace to the freedom of the press" and warned against the danger of Government control.

Addressing the Birmingham and Midland Institute, Lord Iliffe said: "Freedom of the press is theoretically still inviolate. In practice, it is limited in much the same way as freedom of the movement is limited for a man who has sprained his ankle."

"The right to run, walk and jump is still manifestly his, but he can only hobble painfully on his way." He claimed that no British industry had suffered cuts in raw materials as savage as those inflicted on news papers. "While they persist the press cannot properly discharge its obligations to the public," he said.

Permanent Council

Lord Iliffe denounced the proposal to set up a Permanent Press Council now under consideration by the Government's Royal Commission on the Press.

"The constitution and function of the Council has not been exactly defined," he said, "but its effects could only be to interfere with the free end of the wedge of press control."

Formal representation, both inside and outside Parliament, had failed to persuade the Government of the people's rights to full and accurate information on contemporary events, Lord Iliffe declared.

"Only through pressure of public opinion can the limitations imposed on the press now be removed," he added.—Reuter.

UN Missions To Colonies

Paris, October 11.

The Soviet Union proposed today that the United Nations should send missions to the world's 70 colonies to make surveys of conditions and that the organisation should be entitled to discuss petitions from colonial peoples.

Mr. A.C. Kulagenkov, one of the Soviet delegates, told the Colonial and Trusteeship Committee that the United Nations was doing practically nothing to help colonial people to attain self-government.

In the formal proposal, which he submitted to the committee, he also demanded that the eight colonial powers of the world be compelled to submit annually to the United Nations Information on Political and Constitutional Developments in their dependent territories.—Reuter.

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Soldier Picks Wrong Leader But Does The Right Thing

Singapore, October 12.

Follow the leader is a dangerous game in this part of the world.

A member of the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers was told to follow his patrol leader on a dark early Sunday morning single file through the jungle in Johore.

After a time he noticed something odd about the all-houettes ahead. Dawning day revealed that he was mixed up in a two-man insurgent patrol. The Inniskilling promptly shot one and laid the other low with a rubber tackle.

The one killed turned out to be the leader of the insurgents in the area.—Associated Press.

South African Industry Faces Three Problems

Port Elizabeth, October 11.

South African industry faces three complex problems. One is the drastic modification by the Malan Cabinet of the immigration policy inaugurated by the Smuts government, the second is how the programme of "apartheid" or the segregation of the races is to be applied in industry and the third, and by far the most immediate pressing problem, is the obvious signs of industrial unrest due to the rising cost of living.

Throughout the country the Department is dealing with strikes, deadlocks in collective bargaining and requests for new wage agreements and determinations. Tens of thousands of workers, European, coloured and African, are involved. The most serious threat is that of the gold miners whose grievances have been referred to a commission under the chairmanship of Dr. H. J. Van Eck, who is also chairman of the Industrial Development Corporation.

There are deadlocks in the engineering industry, the electrical industry, in motor assembly, in textile and sweet manufacturing and in municipal services. Reports from many centres reveal the deep concern of industrialists over the decision of the Malan Cabinet not to take any action until 1950 in respect to the registration of trade unions for Africans.

Despite all that has been said in Parliament on the apartheid issue, a survey of prominent industrialists here indicates that this policy of segregation and separation is likely to have its first big test in the industrially expanding city of Port Elizabeth. There is an acute shortage of European labour, particularly semi-skilled. This has led to persistent suggestions that non-Europeans should now be employed in jobs hitherto held to be the close preserves of the whites.

Shortage

The development programmes of many firms, plus other major enterprises starting within the next four to six months, mean a shortage of about 3,000 European workers between the ages of 18 and 45. The stream of semi-skilled white labour from the country to the towns is now a mere trickle—for 40 or 50 jobs there are now two or three applicants.

Apprentice tests have opened avenues of employment for women in some factories, in others coloured workers have been tried. Two new factories here are to employ Africans exclusively.

The modified scheme of immigration is considered to mean a restricted flow of skilled technicians to South African factories at a time when skilled staff is urgently required. For example, Port Elizabeth's working population has recently increased by some 20,000 but this has not included many skilled technicians. Immediate expansion plans are based on obtaining specialist workers from overseas as assurances were given to many firms by the Immigration Council when surveys were asked of their requirements.

Not Procurable

Here and at East London factories require at least 1,000 artisans who cannot be obtained in this country. In one centre the engineering trade requires 100 men not locally procurable. On the importation of highly-skilled artisans depends the employment of large numbers of European and non-European in the unskilled and semi-skilled categories. One factory now being built in Port Elizabeth requires 27 English specialist artisans to give work to 250 local workers. South African industry is now entering a period when quality and price are more important than ever and industrialists say that this cannot be achieved with half-trained or hastily trained workers. Fears are that until more immigrants arrive, the shortage of labour will become worse, not better.—United Press.

Televising In Downing Street

London, October 11.

For the first time in history television cameras were installed in the street outside No. 10 Downing Street and in the garden of the Prime Minister's house for the conference of the Commonwealth Prime Ministers today.

Television viewers in the London area and parts of South-East England were able to see clearly the crowd waiting in the grey morning.

Practically all of the ministers paused on the steps of No. 10 for photographs before disappearing down the long corridor to the Cabinet Room.

The viewers said Mr. Morrison's quiff appeared above his cap as he went up the steps. Behind him strode Mr. Ernest Bevin, who had apparently walked through the Foreign Office courtyard.

After a pause during which the ministers were introduced to Mr. Attlee, the door of the terrace opened and Mr. Attlee appeared followed by the Indian and South African representatives.

The viewers heard a slight crash as the wing of one of the cars caught another as they turned in the narrow street.

Indians in the crowd were seen to clap Pandit Nehru as he posed for photographs on the steps.

After 10 minutes in the garden, during which the ministers chatted and posed for photographers, they returned to the Cabinet Room.

A white painted, glass-pannelled door closed behind them and the conference began.—Reuter.

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Washington, October 11.

The State Department announced today that US\$88,275,170 in military aid funds have been transferred to China's hard pressed Chiang Kai-shek government since last April. The money represents about 75 percent of the US\$125,000,000 in military aid funds which the 80th Congress voted to help the Nationalist Government fight against the Communists. The State Department's estimate was included in a report to President Truman on the programme.

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WALL STREET COMMENTS

New York, October 11.

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Department of Agriculture stated in the "Demand and Price Situation" that "present forces indicate in total a fairly stable level of economic activity in 1949." There is even a possibility that the impact of foreign aid and defence expenditures on generally light economy may cause some further price inflation, the BAE said.

The Commodity Credit Corporation is planning to continue its commodity loan interest rates at 3% despite requests of banks for higher rates.

The North American Rayon Corp. and the American Densmo Corp. have called a special stockholders meeting on November 8 to consider the creation of a new series of stock of each company to fulfil orders issued by the Attorney-General last November regarding the future sale of shares of currently outstanding stocks of each company now held by that office.—Reuter.

UK Cotton To Be Cheaper

Manchester, England, October 10.

It was announced today that cheaper export prices for British cotton cloth will follow more cuts in the selling rates of Egyptian cotton. Mill owners will be able to take advantage of the reductions of between one farthing and 1 1/2 pence in the 12 different grades of Egyptian cotton, according to the Raw Cotton Commission's notification to spinners.—United Press.

Interest Rates Increase Asked

Washington, October 11.

The Federal Reserve Board is trying to persuade the Treasury that another increase in the interest rates on short-term Government securities is necessary to minimise inflation.

Although both the Treasury and Federal Reserve Board promised holders of long-term government securities that prices will not be permitted to fall below par, no such promise was made to short-term holders.

By mutual agreement in August, the rate of 1-1/8% for one year certificates was permitted to rise to 1-1/4%. During September, the rates on other government issues ranging from 90 days to 18 months were also allowed to move higher.

The Board now proposes another increase in the rates on certificates and notes—possibly to 1-1/2%—which if approved by the Treasury will undoubtedly result in the lowering of Government support levels for short-term bonds maturing in one to four years.

Such action will probably also raise the cost of all borrowing for periods ranging up to five years. But the present support price policy on long-term bonds will not be affected.

There is no indication when a change in short-term rates is likely to occur. The Treasury has made no decision and it is popularly believed that changes will be delayed until the Treasury's next short-term financing which is due in January, with the decision on the interest rates due to be made some time in December.—Reuter.

Bunche Endorses Bernadotte Plan

Paris, October 11.

The late Count Bernadotte, United Nations Mediator, reached the conclusion shortly before he was assassinated that Jerusalem should be put under international control and that an initial force of 8,000 United Nations troops would be needed for this purpose, Dr. Ralph Bunche, acting successor, said today.

Dr. Bunche, who is now attending the Assembly in Paris, declared that he personally endorsed completely the conclusions reached in Count Bernadotte's report and would tell the Political Council so when the Palestine question came up for review.—Reuter.

change for raw cotton is sold in China to help curb inflation or is bartered in the interior to maintain the flow of essential goods to the cities. The other half is sold abroad to improve China's foreign trade position.—United Press.

London Stock Exchange

London, October 11.

With the current period of trading due to end tomorrow, trading in London's stock exchange was small today. British Funds opened firm and held gains of 1/16 despite bouts of profit taking.

Major price changes in the industrial markets were few and confined to iron and steel. These were helped by the September steel output figures showing an annual rate of nearly 15,000,000 tons.

Lending issues were in good demand and recorded advances of one to two shillings. Brewery shares were dull. Owing to the decrease in public spending power, beer consumption in Britain is showing signs of falling off and shares were sold today.

Movements in the oil market were small. The tone was slightly easier although the Apex Trinidad were strong at 45/9; buying found the market rather short of shares.

South African mining shares were generally easier. An early demand for new Pioneer group resulted in a sharp upward movement, but gains were lost when the market became idle.—Reuter.

Replacement For Mackenzie King

Ottawa, October 11.

Mr. Louis Saint Laurent, the Foreign Minister and acting Premier of Canada, will leave by air for London on Wednesday to take the place of Mr. Mackenzie King at the Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conference.

Mr. Clarence Howe, the Minister of Trade and Commerce, will be acting Prime Minister during Mr. St. Laurent's absence. It is understood here that Mr. Mackenzie King, who is ill in London, requested that Mr. St. Laurent should make the trip, to emphasise the importance Canada attaches to the London meeting.

Mr. St. Laurent, it was understood, had intended to send a senior cabinet minister, and last night Mr. Howe and Mr. Brooke Claxton, the Defence Minister, were thought to be possible representatives.

Mr. St. Laurent succeeded Mr. Mackenzie King as Liberal leader and Mr. Mackenzie King has stated he would hand over the premiership to him on his return to Canada.—Reuter.

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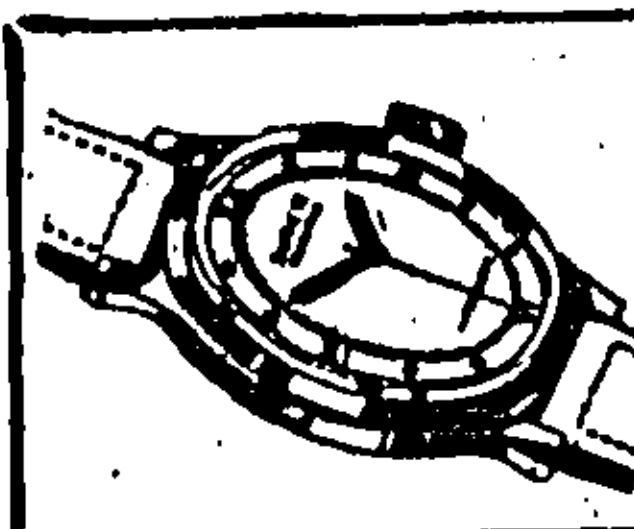
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LUCKY ROSE--COLONY'S NEW SWIMMING STAR

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Swimming in Hong Kong has never had a more talented crop of athletes than in the past two years. And topping all sensations in record, is the appearance in the local field of Denmark's lady, Luckie Rose.

This eclipsed even the notable event of 1934 when Mrs. L. Mead, the South African Olympic trial swimmer, stroked the 100 yards free style distance in 68.6 seconds—a record which still stands unshaken today, notwithstanding the vigorous efforts of Shona Anderson.

Only a few in Hong Kong can really set claim to the title of authority on swimming and Luckie Rose ranks high among them.

There are many reasons for this. The most important being that Luckie has competed successfully against the world's best when representing her country in international meets. Furthermore, she holds first class Danish certificate on the art of teaching swimming and coaching.

It ought to be interesting to note that towards the end of 1946, and before she came out to Hong Kong, Luckie helped to set a new Danish mark in the women's 3 x 100 yards medley relay.

Team Mates
Her team mates on that occasion, were Karen Margrethe Harup, who set a new record in the 200 yards back stroke (34.1) at the Olympics in Wembley recently, and Fritz Nathansen, anchor for the Danish free style relay team at the same Olympics, which came in second to the United States. Fritz Nathansen was then the 100 metres free style champion, until 1947 when Grete Anderson rose to fame and Olympic glory.

With swimming interests in Hong Kong centred tensely upon the interport meet with Manila on Saturday, and looking further on to the more ambitious project of taking part in the British Empire Games, 1950, I asked Luckie for her general views on our swimming and this is what she says: "If swimming standards in Hong Kong are not at a very high level when compared to that of Europe, it is because conditions here are very different from those at home."

"Back stroke swimming in Hong Kong is of an exceptionally high standard and I think that A.V. Lopes could easily reach the required level in a short time—with proper training and keener competition of course—to rank in international fields. He has the prerequisites, namely, a good physique, a strong stroke and wonderful stamina."

Luckie thinks that swimming

Eric Coates Honoured

London, October 12. Eric Coates, British conductor and composer, has been invited to compose and conduct a musical work dedicated to the Argentine at the 15th International Congress of Composers and Authors in Buenos Aires.

In addition he has been asked to conduct three concerts of his music during the Congress. — Associated Press.

FA Council Monthly Meeting

At the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council held yesterday, it was agreed to pay Mr. Eric Keen, the coach, a subsidy of HK\$400 a month until November 30, 1948, or until such time as he could find a flat.

Soccer Programme

The following is the programme of First and Second Division Soccer matches to be played between October 16 and October 21:

Clean Sweep

The V.I.C. made a clean sweep this year in the women's part of the programme and Luckie Rose, to a great extent, helped in it. She will be called again and depended upon—this time for Hong Kong—in the tournament with Manila in which she is being entered for six events—three more than any other swimmer in the whole Hong Kong line-up.

Today's Soccer

Second Division: Army v. South China (11.00 am), Referee: F.A. Barrett. C.A.A. v. St. Joseph's (1.00 pm), Referee: A.F. Willis. Linmen: W. Gibson/H. Richardson. Eastern v. Kitchener (1.30 pm), Referee: Ward. Linmen: Chan K. P. P. P. Club v. Police (Club, 5.00 pm), Referee: J.G. Padley. Linmen: Mak Yau/F. Cheung. Moon Wing.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

South China v. Club (Caroline Hill, 5.15 pm), Referee: W. Crawford. Police v. Dockyard (Boundary, 5.15 pm), Referee: A.F. Willis. Linmen: A.F. Willis. Referee: Li Bing Tong.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Tramways v. K.M.H. (St. Joseph's, 5.15 pm), Referee: J. Darg. Taihook v. C.A.A. (Club, 5.15 pm), Referee: N. Delgado. Universal v. Kitchener (Caroline Hill, 5.15 pm), Referee: W. Joelling. W.D. Chinese (bye).

HOCKEY FIXTURES

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15. King's Park (R.N.R.C.), 5.15 pm. Unimproved (R.N.R.C.), 5.15 pm. Club de Revere v. Dutch I.L.O. King's Park, 10.00 am.

Unimproved (R.N.R.C.), 10.00 am. Unimproved (R.N.R.C.), 10.00 am. Unimproved (R.N.R.C.), 10.00 am. Unimproved (R.N.R.C.), 10.00 am.

FOOD AND FUEL COSTS

Food and fuel costs for the week ended October 10, 1948	October 10, 1948	October 10, 1947
1 lb. of Rice	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Beans	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Sugar	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Tea	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Oil	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Meat	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Fish	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Eggs	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Butter	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Milk	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Fruit	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Vegetables	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Spices	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Herbs	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Nuts	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Seeds	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Grains	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Legumes	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Pulses	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Cereals	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Starches	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Flours	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Oils	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Fats	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Waxes	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Resins	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Gums	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Sugars	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Salts	1.10	1.10
1 lb. of Acids	1.10	1.10
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